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INSPIRATIONAL CHRISTMAS DINING

La France sends its thanks to Bill Bainbridge from Porthcawl!

by PHILIP IRWIN
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Bill Bainbridge is pictured holding the Legion d'Honneur.

A Porthcawl man, Bill Bainbridge, has been awarded the Legion d'Honneur by the French Government for taking part in the D-Day landings in Normandy, 1944.

GEM readers may remember Bill, because he recently featured in this newspaper after celebrating his 70th wedding anniversary with his wife Grace.

They have lived in Porthcawl for 60 years.

Unfortunately, Bill was not well enough to travel to France to receive his Legion d'Honneur, so the medal was sent to Porthcawl by special courier.

A special occasion called for a special effort, so Bill dressed in his miltary blazer, proudly displaying his UK medals.

Bill joined the Royal Navy in June 1943 and was posted to HMS *Undine* in November of that year.

Undine saw service in the Mediterranean, before the ship was involved in the shelling of the German defences on Gold Beach prior to the D-Day landings.

Subsequently, the ship provided escort duties for convoys before providing cover for the re-occupation of Corsica and other operations on the West Coast of Italy.

At the end of 1944, the ship was ordered to the Indian Ocean and joined the Pacific Fleet in Ceylon (now Sri Lanka). They were on duty in Indonesia, Japan and called at Australia, where Bill met his wife.

He served in *Undine* the whole time until his demob in 1946

Bill and Grace's previous appearance in The GEM, on their 70th anniversary, can be found on this link: http://www.bridgend-today.co.uk/article.cfm?id=115988&headline

STOLEN - *The medals of a soldier who 'gave everything for his country'*

MEDALS given to the family of Corporal Dewi Pritchard, a Territorial Army soldier in the Royal Military Police (RMP) killed on deployment to Iraq in 2003, have been stolen from his widow's home in Brackla, Bridgend.

The burglary took place during the morning of Friday, October 20, when Tracey Graves, his widow who has since remarried, was out.

Jewellery and other items, including wedding and engagement rings given by Cpl Pritchard to Tracey, were also stolen.

One of the medals stolen was the Elizabeth Cross, which is awarded to the next-of-kin of members of HM Armed Forces who have died on a medal-earning operation since January 1, 1948.

The Elizabeth Cross was instituted in 2009 and has been awarded retrospectively.

Cpl Pritchard, originally from the Rhondda, lived in Bridgend with Tracey and their two children.

He was on active service with 116 Provost Company (V) and died on August 23, 2003 in Basra when his vehicle was ambushed. Also killed that day were Major Matthew Titchener, and Company Sergeant Major Colin Wall, both of 150 Provost Company.

Cpl Pritchard was described by Lieutenant Colonel House, then Officer Commanding 4th Regiment RMP, as: "the epitome of everything that we hold dear in the Royal Military Police.

"Dewi Pritchard was a very popular and loyal member of the Territorial Army. He joined the RMP in 1996, and from the outset of his service was an outstanding Junior Non-Commissioned Officer."

Tracey, according to her husband, Andrew Graves, and reported by the BBC, was devastated that the medals and other item had been stolen "so brashly".

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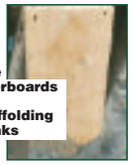

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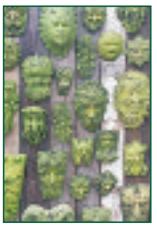

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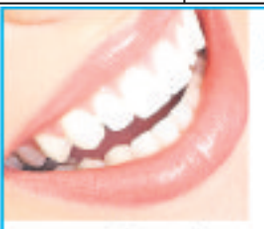

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CARRIER BAG TAX PAYS FOR LOCAL SCHOOL'S 'LEARNING LODGE'

A NEW outdoor learning facility known as the 'Rainbow Lodge' has been unveiled at Brackla Primary School, thanks to help from Tesco.

Brackla Primary School in Bridgend was awarded £12,000 through the supermarket's Bags of Help carrier bag tax.

Tesco teamed up with Groundwork to launch its Bags of Help funding scheme, which sees grants being awarded to fund local community projects, all raised from carrier bag sales in Tesco stores.

Brackla Primary School has used the funding to build a new outdoor learning facility, or 'outdoor classroom' to ensure that children of all ages are able to enjoy learning outdoors, whatever the weather.

Headteacher Katherine John said: "Outdoor classes can cover anything from maths and literacy to science, nature and art.

"The change of scenery helps children to learn in a new way, and keeps them engaged, interested and challenged.

"Previously, we were only able to take children outside for lessons in good weather, which was a real challenge.

"Since we launched the Rainbow Lodge we've been able to enjoy the outdoors so much more.

"It's been a real hit with kids, teachers and parents alike – especially as we were able to use some of the funding we received to buy furniture and create a 'funky', colourful space."

At a ceremony on October 11, Nicky Elward, 'community champion' at Tesco Bridgend and Ceryl Jenkins, customer service manager, joined children from the school in unveiling a plaque to mark the opening.

The specially designed plaque was donated by Tesco as a permanent record that the project was chosen and backed by the local community.

Since launching in 2015, Bags of Help has awarded more than £33 million across more than 6,400 local projects.

Alec Brown, 'head of community' at Tesco, said: "It is wonderful to see this project come to fruition, showing how a Bags of Help grant can help transform local communities." **TS**

Ceryl Jenkins (first from right), Tesco customer service manager at Bridgend, with Brackla Primary School pupils outside the newly-opened 'Rainbow Lodge'.

AM's 'praise for credit unions'

Huw Irranca-Davies (centre) with Credit Union manager John Hughes and staff.

OGMORE Assembly Member Huw Irranca-Davies met staff and volunteers of the Llynfi Valley Credit Union to mark 'National Credit Union Day' – which this year took place on October 19.

A spokesperson said: "Supported by the Welsh Government, credit unions provide a safe alternative to high interest and payday loans which can see people paying APR of over 1,000 per cent. They offer a responsible approach to saving, borrowing and financial management."

As a long-standing member of the Bridgend Lifesavers Credit Union, the AM stated: "All of my family are members of a credit union and I thoroughly recommend them as a way to responsible money management. They are a great example of communities working together and the majority of the staff are volunteers.

"It was good to meet up with John and his team to hear about their work and join them in supporting this year's National Credit Union Day."

Becoming a member and saving with a credit union is easy: you can save by making deposits to the credit union in person; by standing order; or at a local collection point. Some organisations also offer a payroll deduction scheme.

After hearing about the progress of the Llynfi Valley Credit Union the AM added: "It is encouraging to hear about the additional services the credit union is now offering.

"With a heavy focus on education and information, their 'into schools' projects are having an impact and helping students from a young age become better prepared to make important financial choices." **AS**

AM says: 'More first aid training is required in Bridgend's schools'

NEWS that only eight per cent of the schools within Bridgend County Borough have received first aid training for pupils is "worrying", says Regional AM Suzy Davies.

Mrs Davies has been lobbying hard for life saving skills to be included as a compulsory part of the national curriculum – all parties at the Assembly have backed the principle of legislation to help Wales become a nation of lifesavers.

She said she was very disappointed with the results of a survey carried out on behalf of the Red Cross, St John's Cymru and the British Heart Foundation. The information was released on Restart a Heart Day.

Mrs Davies, who has organised her own first aid training sessions and is also campaigning to get defibrillators located in public places throughout the country, continued: "Welsh Government, in responding to public demand for more of us to have CPR skills, has a plan to encourage take-up. However, it's already clear that without a binding duty to provide training, most schools are not doing it.

"People who suffer a cardiac arrest outside a hospital have less than a one in ten chance of surviving. The chance of surviving drops by ten per cent for each passing minute. That's why early CPR is so important – and this is the skill we need to teach, not only in our schools, but across society.

"Early defibrillation is another key element, which is why I am backing moves to get them located in shops, pubs, public buildings, disused telephone kiosks and even in boxes on the streets. People can use these without training as they are very straightforward."

The survey revealed that the best performing local authority in Wales is Monmouthshire, where more than 61 per cent of schools have had this training laid on for pupils. Bridgend has 8.3 per cent.

Mrs Davies added: "I have written to the leaders and chief executive of BCBC to urge them to ensure that this training is available to pupils. It is a skill that will last all their lives and could save someone else's life."

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Bridgend Quiz League latest

THE league leaders as of October 16, after early matches are as follows:

Division 1

Penybont Nomads	4 points
Five Bells A	4 pts
Mackworth Arms	4 pts
TyRisha Royals	4 pts

Division 2

Cabo Roche	6 pts
Pheasant Gamekeepers	6 pts
Chatterton Shunters	4 pts
Laleston Inn B	4 pts

Here are this week's Bridgend Quiz League posers:

1. Which Apollo 11 astronaut did not set foot on the moon?

2. Liverpool FC's signature song 'You'll Never Walk Alone' is from which musical?

3. Name the cocktail, named after a city, that was invented by a Raffles Hotel barman in 1915? **SK**

Answers:
1. Michael Collins.
2. Carousel.
3. Singapore Sling.

Lions Club assures public Santa WILL be in his grotto

MEMBERS of Porthcawl Lions Club are pondering with the problem of Santa arriving at their Christmas Grotto in John Street.

Thanks to the support of Porthcawl Museum this year which sees the grotto being held in a revamped and decorated room in the museum, rather than poor Santa being placed in what is or rather was a police cell in the building. The museum is in the building that once was the police station in Porthcawl.

However, the main problem for the arrival of Santa this year is the ban on traffic in the street where the museum is situated. As usual Santa should arrive sitting in his sleigh being drawn by his reindeer, but does a sleigh constitute (or fall within the term) 'traffic'?

Questions are being asked of the authorities but Andrew Collier, the group's current president has assured the public that the grotto will be open on Saturday, November 25 from 11am to 4pm and Santa will be present every Saturday through to Saturday, December 23.

Every child will receive a quality toy and the entrance fee will be £4.

Mr Collier states that he is confident that Santa will arrive on time with his sack full of toys. **DR**

HIGH TIDE TIMES

(UNTIL NOVEMBER 2)

The high tides listed in this week's GEM are those in Porthcawl. It should be remembered that along the coast, high tide times will vary. For instance, in Barry, the high point will be 20 – 25 minutes later.

DATE	Time AM	Ht M	Time PM	Ht M
26 Thur	10.52	8.3	23.09	8.1
27 Fri	11.34	7.9	23.57	7.7
28 Sat			12.39	7.5
29 Sun	01.13	7.4	13.04	7.4
30 Mon	01.52	7.5	14.27	7.8
31 Tues	03.04	7.8	15.28	8.4
01 Wed	03.56	8.5	16.16	9.1
02 Thur	04.39	9.2	16.59	9.7

While The GEM makes every effort to check the accuracy of tide tables, we recommend that anyone putting out to sea, or walking in an area where they could be cut off, should check with a tide table specific to their location.

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Sons and Daughters month 'recognises youngsters' role'

SONS and daughters who welcome foster children into their own families are being recognised as part of Sons and Daughters month, which ends next week.

The Fostering Network's annual campaign recognises the part that birth and adopted children play in welcoming fostered children into their families.

Every year, Bridgend County Borough Council (BCBC) supports the national awareness month, in recognition of hard work, support and love that sons and daughters give within their fostering family, helping to create loving families.

About half of fostering households have birth or adopted children still living at home and their presence can make a real difference to foster children, helping them settle into their new home.

A spokesperson said: "Ultimately, it's not just parents that foster children. Many foster carers have their own children who share their homes, toys, and above all, their parents. In addition, they sometimes have to cope with difficult and challenging behaviour.

"The potential impact on birth children is often considered a barrier to becoming a foster carer, however many children benefit from being part of a fostering family. Seeing life from another's perspective can be an enriching experience and can help a child learn and develop as an individual. "

Research from The Fostering Network shows that the relationship between the sons and daughters of foster carers, and foster children, can make or break a placement, making it important for foster carers' own children to feel valued and supported.

BCBC's fostering team works to support foster carers' own children so they feel comfortable with the situations they face.

Coun Phil White, cabinet member for social services and early help for BCBC, said: "Fostering has a huge impact on the whole household so it's extremely important that sons and daughters are recognised and celebrated, which is why we support the national campaign every year. They play a crucial role in helping foster children settle into a new home, as well as providing vital support to the most vulnerable children in the county.

"They provide a loving brotherly or sisterly relationship that the child may not have had before, or simply offer a shoulder to cry on. They provide invaluable friendship, someone to walk to school with or someone to play football with in the garden.

"We truly appreciate everything they do to improve foster children's lives.

"Despite the challenges of fostering, many say they would recommend it to other families. In fact, we have several sons and daughters who have gone on to become foster carers themselves."

Bridgend Foster Care provides foster carers with professional training and a chance to gain qualifications, as well as constant support from a qualified and experienced team. In addition, an allowance is available to help with financial costs and regular opportunities are available to meet with other carers to share best practice and experiences.

Pupils 'get their dancing shoes on' for the NSPCC

PUPILS from St Clare's School near Porthcawl got involved in a fundraising event to raise well over £1,000 to help the NSPCC.

"Sara Phillips from the NSPCC has been into St Clare's with mascot Buddy as part of the Speak Out, Stay Safe programme, specially developed," said a spokesperson, "so that a whole generation of children have the knowledge and understanding they need to stay safe.

"By the end of Ms Phillips' visit, the children felt empowered, knowing they could speak out and stay safe so they decided to take part in a sponsored 'danceathon' to raise money to help NSPCC."

Ms Phillips returned last week to collect £1,142.50.

An NSPCC Wales spokesman said: "We would like to say a huge thank you to St Clare's School for all their fundraising efforts.

"Every penny raised will make a massive difference to the work that we do as a charity.

"It will help go towards our Speak Out, Stay Safe schools service, which sees us visiting schools across Wales to teach children about how to stay safe from abuse and how to report it, as well as our Childline service, which supports children when they need it the most."

SS

NSPCC's Sara Phillips with Jess and Louie.

A correction

ON October 12, The GEM ran a piece on the front page entitled 'Pupils kept in as police officers investigate unattended bag'.

The police were investigating an unattended bag on the Broadlands estate.

The story moved to an inside page and the headline read 'Unattended bag at school'.

We would like to make it clear that was not the case and we regret any inconvenience this caused Maes-Yr-Haul Primary School.

Armistice and Remembrance Services in Porthcawl

THE Remembrance Service this year will be held on Sunday, November 12 at 10.30am in All Saints' Church, Victoria Avenue, Porthcawl and we cordially invite you join us on this occasion.

All townspeople, religious denominations and other organisations are invited to attend this Armistice Service, and we especially invite those organisations who have a standard or flag to take part.

There will be a parade forming up in the Hillsboro car park at 9.30am, stepping off at 9.45am. Wreaths will be made available for those who wish to parade with them. The salute will be taken at the bandstand, John Street.

Refreshments will be served in the church hall following the laying of the wreaths.

I would also like to inform you that there will be two minutes' silence with the Exhortation and *Last Post* at 11am at the bandstand, John Street, Porthcawl on Saturday, November 11. Participants are asked to assemble at 10.45am. All are welcome to attend.

Should you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact Allan Lloyd on 01656 731156.

Allan Lloyd,
Chairman, Porthcawl branch,
Royal British Legion.

Soldier's medals are stolen

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The report continued:"It's bad enough to think people have been in your house, but to think they have taken things that are so personal and irreplaceable is just awful.

"They have been given to a man who gave everything for his country.

"For Tracey, it brings it all back to the front of the mind again those dreadful days after he was killed.

"They have been through enough," said Mr Graves.

Detective Inspector Terry Hopkins of South Wales Police said: "This has been very distressing for the victims and I would urge anybody who has information to contact us immediately.

"I'm also urging the person responsible to search their conscience and ensure the immediate return of the medals as they mean so much to the family."

Anyone with information about this crime should contact South Wales Police on 101 giving reference *408076 or call Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

Savoyards tackle the classic *Iolanthe*

"THIS comes of women interfering in politics…" – no, the Mid-Glamorgan Savoyards are not suddenly becoming sexist; it's a line from their forthcoming Gilbert and Sullivan production of *Iolanthe*.

It was famously used by the press following the election of Margaret Thatcher as PM but so far, no one has dared apply it to our current PM.

It's a familiar G&S satire on government, law and society, with the theme of a tranquil, male dominated civilisation disrupted by women.

A fairy marries a mortal; their son wants to marry a Ward of Chancery; all members of The House of Peers wants to marry her as well…

This will be the Savoyards' 23rd charity event. To date, well over £60,000 has been raised for 20 different charities. Benefiting from this production are Macmillan Cancer Support, Save the Children Fund, Kidney Research Unit Foundation, Wales and a local charity for bereaved parents following baby loss.

Come along to *Iolanthe* at The Grand Pavilion, Porthcawl, on Saturday November 18, 7.30pm.

Tickets £10 from the box office on 01656 815995 or members of the cast.

Dominique Spearey

Spaces left for coach trip to Bath

A FEW spaces are left for a coach trip to Bath on Thursday, November 2 with St Illtyd's Church in Newcastle, Bridgend.

Parish priest, Father David Lloyd said: "Parishioner or not, do come along for a great day out to perhaps the finest Regency city in the country.

"These outings are good fun and an opportunity to make new acquaintances, and when we get to Bath, the day is yours. Ask your friends, too," said Fr David.

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Ogmore MP's 'Big Day Out' in Caerau

Chris Elmore MP enjoyed visiting community projects in Caerau, Maesteg.

Chris Elmore with Matthew Rowlands, project manager of the Noddfa Community Project.

CHRIS ELMORE MP recently had a fantastic day visiting local residents and community projects across Caerau, Maesteg.

Throughout the day, Mr Elmore visited the Noddfa Community Project, Caerau Primary School and Caerau Community Garden before rounding off with an advice surgery for constituents.

Chris Elmore MP commented: "I've had an excellent day in Caerau. It's great to see the community working together."

The Noddfa Community Project offers opportunities for children, young people and adults to access activities, workshops, training, informal learning, accredited learning, as well as the day-to-day activities for all members of the community.

The Caerau Community Garden is a community-run garden centre for the local population which has grown in popularity in recent years.

Mr Elmore continued: "Many thanks to all the volunteers at the Noddfa Community project, all the staff and students from Caerau Primary School and, of course, all the volunteers at the Caerau Community Garden for giving me such a warm welcome."

Mr Elmore was greeted by staff and pupils at Caerau Primary School. During his visit, he was grilled by local school children who asked questions relating to his role as the Member of Parliament for Ogmore. The children asked insightful questions to help them understand what makes MPs tick.

Commenting on the visit to the school, Mr Elmore said: "I love visiting schools across the constituency. Many thanks to students who asked such interesting questions during my visit this week. I'd highly encourage any schools which are thinking of organising a trip to London in the near future to get in touch with my office to arrange to meet with me in Parliament too – it would be great to welcome you to Westminster!"

Mr Elmore has been very active in local communities across his Ogmore constituency since being re-elected in the snap General Election in June this year.

Mr Elmore promotes his regular advice surgeries on his website and via Facebook and Twitter. During a typical month, there are normally four opportunities to meet up with Chris face-to-face at one of these surgeries.

Explorer's fundraising

ON September 17, 10 Explorers helped out at the Mayor's civic service at the Catholic Church in Bridgend.

It was a great honour to be asked to help out on this special occasion and be able to give something back to the community we both live and help in.

On September 29, the Explorer group ran a quiz night at the Grove Porthcawl, along with a raffle. The aim of the evening was to raise both money and awareness for our Kandersteg trip in summer 2018. An enjoyable night was had by all, and £235.50 was raised.

Forthcoming events that the Explorers will take part in are a quiz night in Porthcawl (with a date yet to be confirmed), the Christmas swim at Porthcawl and many more events yet to be finalised.

We have received £780 in donations and have raised £554.04 ourselves, with many opportunities to raise more money.

If you have any events we can help out at or donations you'd like to give, please contact us at: explorekanderstag2018@gmail.com

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ALICE AND SARAH KEEP ON RUNNING TO BEAT CANCER

TWO-TIME cancer survivor Alice Roythorne from St Athan is encouraging the public to get 'orange-ified' in a bid to raise money for Stand Up To Cancer.

Cancer survivors Alice Roythorne and Sarah Fry join running companions Tom Bourton and dog, Lucy, to show support for Stand Up To Cancer, a joint national fundraising campaign from Cancer Research UK and Channel 4.

Alice, an HR business partner, was diagnosed with Hodgkin's lymphoma in 2003 while she was pregnant with her daughter Macie, and then again in 2013 with Ewing's sarcoma.

Running has provided a great source of comfort for Alice, who completed the Birmingham Marathon last week with her friend Sarah Fry (44) who has also beaten cancer after being diagnosed with a brain tumour at 27.

Both women are now thankfully cancer free and have joined their running companions, Tom Bourton, and Sarah's beloved dog, Lucy, to call on the public to raise vital funds for Stand Up To Cancer by wearing the colour orange at school, at work or with friends.

Alice, 41, started running after her first diagnosis 14 years ago. She said: "I signed up for Race for Life as I wanted to give something back. I started training just after I had Macie, so finding time to run was tricky at times.

"Since then it has been something I have always done. Running is my 'me time', time to think or clear my head after a busy day."

Just two years after her second cancer diagnosis, Alice completed her first marathon. "I found it really difficult when I couldn't run for a year after I was diagnosed the second time. My body just couldn't handle it as I was too exhausted from treatment," she said.

"I was extremely proud to run the London marathon for Cancer Research UK in 2015. It was very tough building up to that so soon after such intense treatment but I like to have a goal, something to focus on."

And running is something which Alice now never takes for granted.

"When it is difficult and I am struggling, I just think about the fact that I can," said Alice. "Even if it feels torturous, that thought alone makes me smile and think 'I might be out in the pouring rain but I am here'."

Sarah, a PhD student in the School of Healthcare Sciences at Cardiff University, also finds solace in running. When Sarah was diagnosed with a brain tumour she recalls feeling frightened and alone.

"I remember feeling that my independent life had to be put on hold and I had no idea what the future would bring," she said.

"I had long spells in intensive care due to symptoms of the brain tumour and in 2001, I had surgery to remove my right temporal lobe to remove the tumour."

Following the surgery, Sarah was diagnosed with epilepsy. She said: "I still live with the side-effects of the treatment but running gives me a new focus. I love running and often go out running with my dog, Lucy, who loved getting dressed up for the campaign!

"We're delighted to show our support for Stand Up To Cancer by dressing up in orange. It's a fun and easy way to get involved and help raise money to save more lives."

Since it was launched in the UK in 2012, Stand Up To Cancer has raised more than £38 million to fund over 40 clinical trials and research projects.

Ruth Amies, Cancer Research UK's spokesperson for Wales, said: "We'd like to thank Alice, Sarah, Tom and Maggie for their colourful support.

"We're asking men, women and children from across Wales to Wear Orange, Pay Up and Take Cancer Out.

"By supporting Stand Up To Cancer, they'll be helping to raise money and transform the lives of cancer patients and their families. All supporters need to do is simply pull on a bright orange item of clothing and get sponsored or make a donation for wearing it."

This year, there are many ways to Stand Up To Cancer and show support. Cancer Research UK is urging people in the Wales to get started right now and sign up for their free fundraising pack which includes everything supporters need to spark creative ideas and help beat cancer sooner.

Ruth continued: "One in two people in the UK will develop cancer at some point in their lives. Every day, doctors, nurses and scientists work tirelessly to beat cancer.

"Stand Up To Cancer raises money to speed up breakthroughs from the lab to patients. With support from the people of Wales, we can continue to fund vital research to get new and better treatments to cancer patients faster."

Dancing Queens at the Hi Tide

'Bjorn to Rock' entertained the WI ladies recently.

ON Thursday, October 19, The Hi Tide in Porthcawl saw 215 ladies from 20 Glamorgan Federation of Women's Institutes become 'Dancing Queens' for the evening!

The Federation hosted its annual dinner for members at the venue and after a wonderful meal, the ladies took to the floor and danced the night away to all the old Abba favourites sung by the tribute group 'Bjorn To Rock'.

Not only did they dance, they also joined in with the lyrics with gusto. It was 'Knowing Me, Knowing You' to 'Gimme! Gimme! Gimme!' all the way – the Hi Tide certainly rocked!

Ann Davies, Glamorgan Federation chairman, thanked Sylvia Tittley for organising the event and praised the staff of the Hi Tide for their excellent service.

Another 200 ladies will be 'Super Troupers' later in the month when the event will be repeated and no doubt it will be 'Mamma Mia' and 'Thank you for the Music' all over again!

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Look out for meteors in the November night sky

THIS month, Norman Lloyd's Astronomy Corner anticipates the night skies in November.

THE Leonids meteors can be seen after midnight on the nights of November 16 and 17.

Expect to see up to 20 streaks per hour as they peak on the night of November 17. Comet Tempel-Tuttle litters its orbit with the debris which causes the Leonid meteor shower.

They are called the Leonids because the point in the sky they emerge from is in the constellation Leo, just to the right of the Plough.

In 2015, gravitational waves created by a pair of colliding black holes were first detected. On October 16, gravitational waves produced by two colliding neutron stars were also detected.

To understand the phenomenon, let's remind ourselves that in 1687, Sir Isaac Newton first proposed that gravity was an attractive force between two masses. He theorised that it was this force which keeps the planets in their orbits around the Sun.

But how do the planets know that the sun is there? How is the force transmitted between objects? In 1916, Einstein's theory of general relativity tied together space and time into what is called 'space-time'.

Space-time can be considered the fabric of the universe and anything with mass distorts the space-time fabric. The larger the mass, the larger the distortion.

Albert Einstein.

Moving objects will follow the distortions caused by objects with big mass. Imagine a very heavy weight on a large trampoline. The fabric surface of the trampoline becomes distorted into a funnel shape as the weight presses down on it and a rolling ball will follow the curve of the distortion until friction slows it, causing it to spiral in to the bottom of the funnel.

In space, there is no friction and the planets orbit the sun endlessly as they follow the distortion caused by the Sun's huge mass.

Now consider dropping the large weight onto the trampoline. The impact will cause ripples to spread across the fabric just as they would across the surface of water.

Colliding black holes or neutron stars will create such gravitational waves and, a century after Einstein's prediction, they have now been detected on Earth.

Next month we will look at why colliding neutron stars can create gravitational waves detectable at a distance of 130 light years.

NORMAN LLOYD

V2C's new appointment

VALLEYS TO COAST Housing (V2C) has announced the appointment of Donna Baddeley as their new chief executive.

A spokesperson for the housing association said: "Donna brings extensive and varied experience from the social housing and care sector. Her previous role was executive director of customer and corporate services at the Curo Housing Group based in Bath."

Ms Baddeley said: "I'm really excited to join the great team at V2C as we look to find more ways to put our customers at the heart of what we do to provide desirable homes in thriving communities."

She joined V2C earlier this month following former Chief Executive Stephen Cook, who left his role in September after nine years at V2C.

WELSH DRAGON FLIES ABOVE KILIMANJARO

TWO local men, Scott Barry (left) and Richard Brewer hold the Welsh flag aloft on the summit of Mount Kilimanjaro in Tanzania.

Richard, from Barry and Scott from Whitchurch, undertook the climb and other fundraising activities to raise £6,580 which will be split equally between Help for Heroes, Tenovus and Dementia UK.

Read their full story in next week's GEM.

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Gold award for Lisa, a teacher who can 'unlock her pupils' potential'

LISA Rees-Renshaw, of Ysgol Y Deri in Penarth, has received the Gold Award for 'Outstanding Use of Technology in Education' due to her 'inspirational' work in the classroom.

After receiving a silver award last June, Lisa has now taken the highest accolade for her dedication and commitment to the profession.

Lisa was one of 11 teachers from across the country to win a 'Gold Plato' at the Pearson Teaching Awards, which was presented by television presenter Rick Edwards during a ceremony held at the East Wintergarden in London.

Hosted by TV presenter, Naga Munchetty, alongside broadcaster, Sean Fletcher, the annual ceremony will be broadcast on BBC2 on October 29 at 6pm as *Britain's Classroom Heroes*, where viewers will be able to find out more about the work behind Lisa's award win.

Lisa was nominated for the accolade by pupils, parents and colleagues from her school.

"Her vision", said a spokesperson, "is to exploit technology to unlock the potential of pupils whose disabilities prevent them from communicating at even a basic level and thus from accessing the school curriculum, enjoying any degree of social interaction or participating in family activities."

Through her use of assistive technology, Lisa has enabled her pupils to communicate with teachers and peers, research academic subjects using the internet, join in activities with their family, share music with friends, use social media and control technology within their homes.

One student's mother, described how Lisa recognised her daughter's love for music, so linked her eye-tracking device to software displaying a guitar fret-board.

By 'virtually' plucking the strings, her daughter learned to join in with her sister's singing, accompanied by her father on his guitar. It was the first time they were able to take part in a family activity together.

Other award categories include Headteacher of the Year, Lifetime Achievement, and Outstanding New Teacher.

The Pearson Teaching Awards is an annual celebration of exceptional teachers and teaching. Founded in 1998 by Lord Puttnam, they recognise the life-changing impact of an inspirational teacher on the lives of the young people they teach.

Michael Morpurgo, children's author and new president of the Pearson's Teaching Awards said: "I am honoured to be the new president of the Pearson Teaching Awards.

"By telling teachers' stories, by highlighting their skill and dedication, we can do some justice to them and to the whole profession.

"Through the Teaching Awards, we hope to enhance the reputation and value of the teachers in our lives, their importance in our society, and thus help to encourage the most talented and committed young people to become teachers."

Rod Bristow, president of Pearson UK, said: "Great teaching improves the life chances of our children. It's an incredibly tough, pressured and wearing job. Teachers deserve all the support we can give them, now more than ever. That's why these Pearson Teaching Awards are important, and that's why I'm delighted once again to lend our support to giving teaching the recognition it deserves."

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A TOUCH OF ART WITH YOUR ALE SIR...

THE Little Pen Y Bont Arms in Pencoed, Bridgend has given a local art club a chance to display its work in the pub.

Gareth Roberts, the landlord of the pub, gave Pencoed and District Art Group permission to use the space. The group is hoping to have a permanent display.

The pub is actually a micro pub that has been open for two-and-a-half years and has won Camra awards for the last two years for Cider Pub of the year.

The art group was formed in the summer of 2013 for leisure and pleasure whilst promoting painting in general. Most of the members in the club are self-taught and several attend adult classes.

The club currently has 13 members but is looking to grow and would welcome new members of any ability.

Left to right: Gareth Roberts (landlord), Bob Price, Ron Dobie (both from the art group).

The art groups meet every Thursday evening at the Woodlands Pavilion in Pencoed between 6:30pm and 9pm.

The group uses the full range of all media: watercolour, acrylic, oils, pastels, pen and ink.

It put on demonstrations and workshops and two successful exhibitions have ben held in Bridgend in the last two years.

There are 20 paintings being displayed in the pub at the moment which is a great start for the group.

Mr Roberts said: "It's a community pub doing community things."

For more information about Pencoed and District Art Group, either get in contact with Ron Dobie on 01656 864394 or Bob Price on 01656 865873, or you can just go to the Little Pen Y Bont Arms in Pencoed to view the art pieces for yourself while enjoying a pint of real ale.

Report and photograph by Ben Harries of BB Harries Photography

Cowbridge 10k and 5k winners

PHOTOGRAPHS by MIKE WILCOCK

THE Cowbridge 10k and 5k charity runs took place on Sunday, October 15, and here are the results.

10k winners: First, Ben Sayers, 38m.34s; second, Nick I Puleio, 39m.27s; third, Lawrence Thomson, 40m.00s.

First female: Georgina Dando, 45m.43s.

5k winners: First, Matt Raymond, 26m.51s; second, Daniel Cope, 27m.10s; third, Luke Gregory and Johan Davies, 29m.47s.

First female, Zoe Dobbs, 26m.47s.

Rhys Ruttley with his mother. Rhys was the fastest under-11 runner.

Farmer is in despair after spate of attacks on sheep

A SHEEP farmer in the Vale is "at the end of his tether" after a series of attacks by a dog or dogs since July.

The attacks all took place in the Hensol area and in the first attack (in July) six ewes were killed by a dog and eight injured.

This included lambs which never grew to any significant weight afterwards. One of the ewes killed was a Texel that he had only purchased two weeks before and after worming and bolusing her, she was killed by a dog. This attack alone cost him in excess of £1,800 including loss of the ewes, vet fees and disposal fees.

The sheep were being grazed on land where there is no public right of way.

However, this month there have been more attacks. South Wales Police reported that "more than nine sheep have been killed and a further six injured during three separate attacks have occurred in the space of five days".

A spokeswoman for FUW told The GEM: "He is at the end of his tether, as he only has a small flock of 100 sheep and he is close to giving farming up completely."

The attacks have all occurred in Hensol and it is believed the same dog – a black one – is attacking the sheep.

Sheep can suffer from vicious attacks by dogs which often, but not always, cause significant injury. But even if the sheep is not bitten, the stress of a chase from a dog can very easily result in a pregnant animal aborting its lamb.

Anybody who does let their dogs loose on farm land at this time of year faces the real prospect of their dog being killed, as farmers are legally entitled to shoot a dog if it is threatening the welfare of their livestock.

PC Mark Goulding, said: "Worrying livestock includes chasing the animal in a way that could cause injury or suffering. The Vale of Glamorgan neighbour beat team have already prosecuted one dog owner and will continue to take enforcement action.

"We are trying to identify this dog and are urging its owner or anybody who knows who owns the dog to contact us immediately."

According to the National Sheep Association, the cost to the livestock owner of a single dog attack is around £200 to £300, but 21 per cent of reported single cases cost the farmer more than £1,000.

Previously, these types of attacks have been blamed on the errant trespasser with their dogs late at night lamping for rabbit, but evidence is indicating that ordinary pet dogs can be responsible while off a lead on a country walk or even if left in a back garden without their owner even realising they have got out and are roaming free.

PC Goulding added: "The owner of this particular dog may have no clue whatsoever about the damage and suffering that the dog is causing.

"All dog owners wherever they may be should be aware of where their dogs are at all times, especially those living in or near rural areas where livestock are kept."

Anybody with information about the identify of the dog's owner is urged to contact South Wales Police via 101 quoting reference *389254.

Gown meets town in Bridgend

Bridgend College graduates and staff.

More graduates.

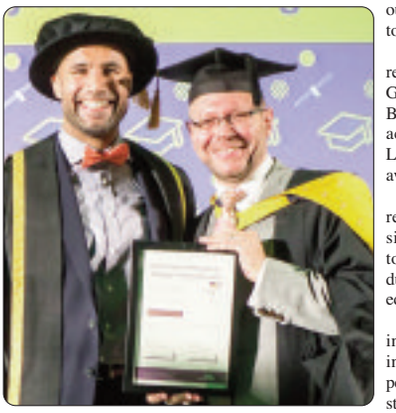
A college graduate with family.

Charles Middleton, Honorary Fellow and Simon Pirotte, principal of Bridgend College.

BRIDGEND College hosted its 21st Higher Education Awards ceremony on October 14 at Pencoed Campus, with almost 200 Higher Education (HE) students acknowledged.

A college spokesperson said: "The college has delivered higher education courses since 1948 and we are proud to have the highest number of 'franchise higher education learners' in any FE college in Wales.

"Graduates celebrated with their family and friends with a canapé reception prior to each ceremony, and were conferred by Professor Helen Langton, deputy Vice Chancellor (Academic) of the University of South Wales and Professor Sushila Chang, deputy Vice Chancellor Academic of Cardiff Metropolitan University.



Richard Parks, Honorary Fellow with Simon Pirotte.

"The college was delighted to award its 2017 Honorary Fellowships to two people who have made an exceptional contribution to Bridgend and the wider community. Our morning ceremony recognised Charles Middleton, for his outstanding contribution to education and development of young people.

"Our afternoon ceremony recognised Richard Parks for his outstanding contribution to sport.

"We also gave special recognition to Dr John Graystone, a governor of Bridgend College, who achieved the TES FE Lifetime Achievement award earlier this year.

"Dr Graystone was recognised for his significant contribution to the UK FE Sector during his 46 years in education.

"Each ceremony included a musical interlude which was performed by graduating student Dan White. Mr White has achieved the Foundation Degree Performing Arts and is now studying at the Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama.

"Mr White is the only person in the whole of the UK to have received the Cameron Mackintosh Scholarship, this year."

Rotary club's donation to local young carers

A PROJECT that helps young carers has received a donation from its local Rotary Club

The Bridgend Young Carers is a project run under 'Action For Children', which seeks to give Young Carers a brief respite from their caring duties.

Young carers are children who help look after a member of the family who may be sick, disabled, has mental health problems, or is misusing drugs or alcohol.

A young carer's day to day responsibilities often include cooking, cleaning, shopping, providing nursing and personal care and giving emotional support. With so many adult responsibilities, young carers often miss out on opportunities that other children have to play and learn.

Instead of playing with friends or learning at school, they take on very adult responsibilities.

They do it for their loved ones, and because they have to. With no relief from the pressures at home, they can become isolated, and have no chance to enjoy a normal childhood. They are often afraid to ask for help as they fear letting the family down or being taken into care.

The Bridgend project caters for groups of 15 children every three weeks for a period of six months.

The project is managed by Gemma Jury, Victoria Bailey and Llianne Day, who provide activities and opportunities for the young people for two evenings.

Although there is funding for their time for this year, each year they face an anxious wait to see whether there will be funding for next year.

The Rotary Club of Bridgend has made several donations in past years and this year's donation will fund the Young Carers' Christmas party.

The Rotary Club of Bridgend president, Wayne Morgan visited the project recently, and presented a cheque. He was impressed and moved by work going on in the project, and was pleased that the Rotary Club of Bridgend was able once again to sponsor the Christmas celebrations.

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Remember to send in your stories, letters and news in plenty of time.

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Schools take part in football challenge

PUPILS from all over south Wales have been helping to inject some life into a waning special schools' football league.

Many schools struggle to meet the demands of regular football but the festival is a competitive boost and welcomed by the many who took part.

The South Wales Special Schools' Soccer 11-a- side Challenge Festival is an annual event which, for the past 18 years since its inception, has been organised by Rtn Edgar Burt of the Rotary Club of Bridgend and Heronsbridge School, and sponsored by past Rotarian Derek Gaynor of the Gaynor Group.

Over 100 players and reserves from eight special schools across south Wales took part in the festival (Heronsbridge, Woodlands, Ysgol Bryn Castell (YBC), Headlands, Penybryn, Hendrefelin, Greenfield and Maes Gwyn).

The eight schools were divided into two pools with YBC and Woodlands School winning the pools and going on to the final.

Ysgol Bryn Castell (Brynmenyn) won the final to lift the trophy, with Woodlands as runners-up.

The award for the most improved team of the festival went to Woodlands School from Cardiff and the 'player of the tournament' shield was presented to Cain Dickenson of Ysgol Bryn Castell.

The winners of the Tony Phillips 'fair play' memorial shield were Greenfields School from Merthyr Tydfil.

The day was also one to remember a very special Rotarian and past president of the Rotary Club of Bridgend, Tony Phillips, who died some 10 years ago. Tony had helped Heronsbridge School immensely over many years and was very active in his support.

In his memory, the shield is awarded to the team which most exemplifies the spirit in which the glorious game should be played.

The Mayor of Bridgend County Borough Council, Coun Pam Davies (accompanied by her consort Tudor Davies) was on hand to present the winners' shields and a medal to every player assisted by Gillian Hale, chair of the Rotary Club of Bridgend Youth Services committee, and Edgar Burt, Hopkin Joseph and Alan Reek, also of the Rotary Club.

The Rotary Club of Bridgend is very grateful to all who supported the festival, especially the Gaynor Group for sponsoring the event, to all of the schools' staff who supported and coached their teams, acted as match referees and ran the lines, to the head and Richard Howe and the rest of the staff of Heronsbridge School who hosted the event, and to the Mayor for attending.

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Farming Matters
with Rachel Saunders

A FORMER pupil of Cowbridge Comprehensive School and law graduate of Cardiff University, Rachel Saunders joined the Farmers' Union of Wales (FUW) in 2012 as a county executive officer for Glamorgan, and is your first port of call for all Farming Matters.

I am delighted to be writing about Farming Matters for the Glamorgan GEM. It is a topic close to my heart, both as a farmer's wife and as the FUW's CEO here in Glamorgan.

I deal with farming matters daily basis: by helping my husband on the farm, by assisting our members here in Glamorgan, as well as highlighting why farming matters to our elected politicians.

Many will agree that these are uncertain and turbulent times for the agricultural industry and therefore the rural community as well.

Support for our rural areas is diminishing as councils face the reality of budget cuts, and any potential Brexit policy changes to agriculture will affect the rural economy.

Rachel will be writing regularly on rural matters for the GEM

The outlook for many is uncertain, but I have hope.

What we have as an industry and community is tenacity and resilience, qualities that are found in many of our rural communities. And we have a farming union that speaks up for our Welsh farmers.

For those of you who are not familiar with the FUW and what we do, let me give you a brief background.

The FUW was established 1955 amid concerns that the interests of Welsh farmers would always take second place to those of the majority of NFU members who farmed in more fertile, arable producing areas in England.

The FUW is the only farming union that is exclusively focused on Welsh agriculture with no external decision making or financial influences.

We advance the views of the farmers of Wales without fear or favour, unfettered by sectional or external financial interests.

In 1978 the FUW was formally recognised by the UK Government as being authorised to exclusively speak on behalf of the farmers of Wales and we have done so ever since in Cardiff, London and Brussels.

So, if there are any farming matters close to your heart that you want to talk about or if there is a policy query you have, please let me know by calling our Cowbridge office on 01446 774838.

I am certainly excited to talk about Farming Matters and look forward to my next column here in The GEM.

Follow the conversation at #FarmingMatters on social media.

The GEM gets scoop on young newshounds

Pupils of Press Gang and the writer at Ysgol Y Ddraig Primary School.

IT is always a moment for pause and reflection at a birth, and the birth of a new newspaper is no exception.

When the newspaper will be researched, written, edited and produced by schoolchildren in years 2 to 5, then all the more remarkable is the achievement.

The GEM received an email from teachers at Ysgol Y Ddraig Primary School in Llantwit Major and Dinas Powys Primary School asking if someone from this paper – with an in-depth knowledge of publishing, papers, editing and news gathering – could go along to talk with the young team.

Instead, they had me.

On October 20, the team of 20 children of Press Gang listened with rapt attention to a chat that took them, to use modern parlance, 'on a journey' from a blank front page to the completed paper and all the stages in between.

The youngsters asked questions about papers, printing and the associated highs and lows and all the rest relating to publishing that displayed a wisdom beyond their years.

Whether the answers provided matched their savvy is not for this writer to say, but they were advised to remember Kipling's 'Six Honest Serving Men'*.

The GEM will be following the progress of Press Gang's nascent newspaper with keen interest.

Watch this space.

ANDY JOHNSTONE

*"I keep six honest serving-men (They taught me all I knew); Their names are What and Why and When And How and Where and Who."

Local WI visits 'Weeping Window'

The Weeping Window which was visited by Highlight Park WI. (The installation is no longer at The Senedd.)

A GROUP of 12 ladies from Highlight Park WI recently visited the Senedd in Cardiff Bay to view the installation of ceramic poppies, which is part of an original concept by artist Paul Cummins designed by Tom Piper (ceramicist).

It was originally displayed at Tower of London in 2014. It depicted the loss of life during the wars with its 'blood-swept lands and seas of red'.

The day was made further interesting by a visit to the Senedd itself with a guided tour around the building and a visit to the debating chamber.

At the beginning of October, we all joined in to have an afternoon of fun and games. We had songs and poems and a hilarious game of Who Am I?

Pass The Parcel was equally enjoyed by everyone and we all went home with a prize, as always. Each table had its quiz and also an afternoon tea was provided.

Our October meeting began with the usual welcome from Barbara. June read the minutes of the last meeting and we sang 'Happy Birthday' to 10 of our members.

Then we were treated to a demonstration of packing every sort of present with a variety of papers.

Alison Westwood, from her own company Eclipse, showed us techniques and tricks of the trade to pack champagne, scarves, ties, square and oblong boxes with flair.

Even jars of jam can look special wrapped in orange tissue paper and decorated with fancy bows.

With Alison's nimble fingers the time simply flew and many of us bought something from her stall.

This week's theme was the letter 'O' and the table was some very original representations.

Forthcoming events: November 21, Bazaar Christmas; Sully coffee morning, November 4, school hall Sully; lunch at Tynewydd Inn October 27, at 12.30pm.

Friday, November 24 Cwm Ciddy festive lunch 12.30pm; December 11, St David's, The Colcot Barry for our Links Carol Service.

In December, we are having a shopping trip to McArthur Glen and a visit to the Christmas shop. On December 19 there is a Christmas party with vocalist Steve David and festive refreshments.

As always, we meet at Highlight Park Community Hall with a later start time at 7pm for 7.15pm on the third Tuesday of the month. Also, Tuesday afternoon on the first Tuesday of the month for a social meeting, and every Thursday at 2pm for our craft session.

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M4 consultation

THE deadline to participate in the Vale Council M4 Junction 34 to A48 consultation study has been extended to October 31, following issues with the email address and requests by residents.

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STORM BRIAN STRIKES THE VALE AND BRIDGEND

OPHELIA is but a dim and distant memory, and no-one now can even remember Aileen, but before Storm Caroline breezes its way across the British Isles, The GEM brings you photographs of the life of Brian.

These storms, which meteorologists and laymen alike used to call "normal weather for Autumn", are set to batter Britain with the same regularity and ferocity they had in the decades before being named.

While The GEM loves to receive such images, please do remember never to put yourself in harm's way just for a piccie. HM Coastguard, RNLI, SAR heli crews, the National Coastwatch Institution and the emergency services have better things to do than rescue shutterbugs, so use your camera's zoom facility and stand well away from waves.

In recent years, Porthcawl has established a near-monopoly of storm pictures, as waves break over the town's harbour light.

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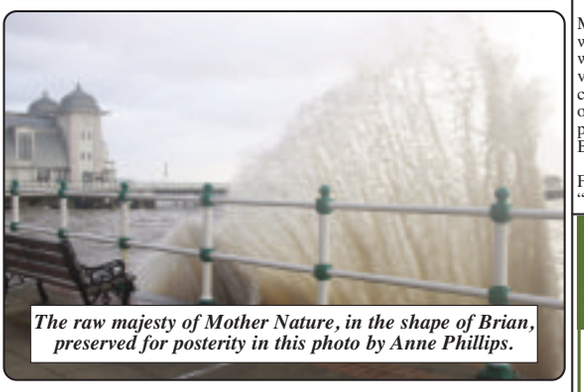

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War memorial to US military personnel desecrated

The memorial as it should look. Photo by Glenn Booker.

As it looked after the vnadalism Photo by Cynthia Booker.

A MEMORIAL in Barry to the memory of military personnel from the United States of America stationed in and around Barry during World War Two, has been desecrated.

A vandal or vandals threw red paint on the plaque, sited at the entrance to the Barry Library on King Square.

A South Wales Police spokesperson said it took place between dusk on Monday, October 9 and dawn of the following day.Reaction on social media has been strong.

On the Barry At War Museum Twitter feed was: "(We) deplore this wanton act of mindless vandalism of the plaque commemorating the role of the US in WWII, particularly those in Barry."

Nick Colhurst took to Facebook to write: "While unrelated, this is one of three incidents – theft and desecration – of St Mary Church and the theft of Cpl Dewi Pritchard's medals from his widow's home in Bridgend – in the last fortnight that show disrespect to our communities and those that have served in the Armed Forces, whether British, Allied or from the Commonwealth.

"And, in the run-up to Remembrance Sunday, vandalism and theft, such has taken place, is all the worse. This act outrages public decency. SHAME!"

The Vale Mayor, and Armed Forces champion, Coun Janice Charles, commented that she was "deeply saddened".

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Student success is celebrated at CAVC

CARDIFF and Vale College has showcased the hard work and success of its learners with an awards evening with more winners than ever before celebrated at its City Centre Campus.

The ceremony was held in the City Centre Campus Atrium and was hosted by *Scrum V* presenter Ross Harries. Celebrating the achievements of the 2016-17 academic year, the awards also illustrate the benefits of choosing a further education college such as CAVC.

All of the students recognised on the evening have either won national competition awards in their chosen disciplines, progressed on to university courses, the next level at college or within their careers.

Of the many celebrants that day, one is is English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) student Silviana Rizea won the Contribution to College Life Award.

Silviana has volunteered to run IT clubs for her peers in her own time, was unanimously elected course rep and has been appointed ESOL student digital team leader, assisting her peers to improve their skills.

"I'm overjoyed that I did. I've taken part in SkillBuild which I won so I'm going to be involved in the national competition. Hopefully I can beat England, Scotland and [Northern] Ireland!"

Danielle Halford, 20 and from Barry, won the Business Award. Danielle joined the college's Career Ready programme to boost her confidence and the results were outstanding. She impressed her mentors during an internship at Santander with her ability and drive, and she was invited to the CBI's national conference.

"With Career Ready I was given so many opportunities – now I work with Santander and I have a bright future ahead of me," Danielle said. "The college's Career Ready co-ordinator Tracy Bird has been absolutely amazing. She supports me even now when I'm not even in college any more. This awards evening has been a lovely evening."

The IT Award went to Sion Charles, who is 24 and from Penarth. Sion started at the college as a Vocational Access learner and progressed on to the BTEC Extended Diploma in IT. Sion has now progressed to Cardiff University to study business in order to fulfil his ambition of managing his own charity.

"I feel amazing. I got really excited when my tutor told me he was going to put me forward for an award but I wasn't expecting to win it," Sion said.

The International Award went to IELTS Academic English learner May Alkhatib. May is from Homs in Syria, where she and her children were prevented from their studies and education due to the conflict there.

When her husband came to Wales and gained asylum, May escaped to the Lebanon until gaining a family reunion visa. Wanting to follow her dream career as an architect but not having sufficient English for university, May was awarded a grant to study on the college's IELTS programme and has since been accepted to study architecture at Cardiff University. During her time at College May was always smiling and enthusiastic and organised social events for her peers.

"I'm so excited and so glad to win this award," May said. "I really appreciate all of the other winners' hard work as well."

A wide range of sponsors also supported the event, ensuring the college could recognise learner achievement in style. CAVC would like to thank Capital FM, Cardiff Metropolitan University, Cardiff University, Circle IT and the University of South Wales for helping the awards a success.

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Vale MP is on the move

VALE MP Alun Cairns is moving office from November 6, and will be based at Unit 6, Business Service Centre 2, Hood Road, Barry, CF62 5QL.

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'MESH' DEBATE IN PARLIAMENT

A 'MESH' campaigner from Barry has welcomed the fact that a parliamentary debate examining issues surrounding the controversial medical treatment has taken place.

It was held in Westminster Hall on Wednesday, October 18, and was called by Emma Hardy, the MP for Kingston upon Hull West and Hessle.

Mesh surgery is a medical procedure used to treat incontinence and prolapse.

Some women have reported complications after mesh surgery including debilitating pain, infection, inflammation, loss of sex life and mobility issues.

Earlier this year Mrs Pauline Inch from Barry attended a parliamentary meeting which was organised to highlight the anguish some women have experienced, and she is pleased a debate has now taken place.

Pauline told The GEM: "I hope I see this mesh banned before it takes me."

She explained that she had an 'eight-by-eight-inch mesh' cutting her internally, causing chronic pain, and it can't be removed.

"I am pleased to hear that many others are lucky enough to have theirs removed and wish them all the very best in the future."

Pauline added that last Saturday, October 21, her brother Michael Moore presented his report on the original mesh meeting held in July to the Unite Wales Labour Party Liaison Committee.

She said: "The committee accepted his report and are supporting his aim to give mesh victims all the exposure that they deserve in their fight to get mesh banned from being used in humans."

Kath Sansom of the campaign 'Sling the Mesh' has called for a public enquiry into the matter.

Local man joins WG Dinas Powys panel

DINAS POWYS is to get a local representative on the Welsh Government's review group overseeing a study into transport through the village.

Civil engineer Roger Pattenden was appointed after the Vale Council asked Dinas Powys Community Council to nominate a suitable person.

Mr Pattenden, who is also a member of the Dinas Powys By-Pass Steering Group, said: "Obviously I'm pleased to be asked to represent the community.

"I'll try to ensure that the study considers the benefit of all aspects for the long-term benefit of the village and Vale."

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The 'Pass Wide and Slow' campaign picks up speed

THE delivery of a petition is a routine affair. Turn up at the building, hand it over with the ubiquitous grip-and-grin for a photo, and that is about it.

Routine, unless one is part of group campaigning to keep riders and horses safe on roads, in which case you ride out and deliver the petition – which amassed some 1,700 signatories – mounted on horseback.

Jo Lovell and others in the locally-raised group campaigning for drivers to be aware of horses and to pass wide and slow (PWAS) did just that at the Senedd in late September and delivered the petition with a mounted escort from South Wales Police.

And while Jo and her fellow riders did not emulate the Adjutant of RMA Sandhurst, who, traditionally, rides his horse up the steps of Old College and through the Grand Entrance at the end of the Sovereign's Parade, it attracted attention and support in equal measure.

Jo, who lives in Penarth and works in the third sector, takes up the story and explains more about PWAS Wales.

"I started the campaign with a small group of friends – Rachel Francis (Penarth), Ulrike Smalley (Dinas Powys) and Angela Baker (Barry) – in autumn 2016, following an incident whilst riding with my daughter Chloe, and Rachel Francis.

"We had ridden our horses around Cosmeston Lakes and were making our way, in single file, along Sully Road back to the stables. As we were approaching a narrow part of the road close to Eight Acres, a large car came towards us at a speed. "We signalled to the driver to slow down and stop until be had passed."

According to Jo, however, the driver did not slow down, but accelerated.

"It caused all three horses to spook as there was little room between them and the car. My daughter's horse threw Chloe onto the road. Luckily she wasn't hurt and always wears a body protector whilst riding out. "The driver didn't even stop, he just kept driving. If he looked in his mirrors he would have seen that she had come off. It was then that I realised we need to do something to raise awareness of how to drive past horses on the road and, in some cases, change attitudes."

Jo said that for every bad driver she and other riders encounter on the roads, there are hundreds of good ones who do the right thing when they come across horse and follow Rules 214 and 215 ("Road users requiring extra care") of *The Highway Code*.

Jo said: "We don't want to create a 'them-and-us' situation on the roads, which some days it feels like.

"We are just asking for drivers to be more considerate, to recognise us as vulnerable road users and to follow our and signals. If we ask you to wait, its not that we are being awkward or think we own the roads, its because we know our horses, and being a lot higher up we can often see things which we know will scare the horse."

In the petition, The PWAS campaigners asked the Welsh Government to run – or provide resources for the relevant organisation/partnership – an annual road safety awareness campaign, similar to 'Think Bike' and 'Don't Drink and Drive'.

Said Jo: "One-off campaigns are easy to forget, but reiterating the message each year, would, we feel, have a more sustainable outcome."

She added that the Assembly staff "couldn't have been more helpful".

"Lots of staff came outside to see the horses too. We met members of the petitions committee including the chair David J Rowland AM and Janet Finch-Saunders AM where we had the opportunity to briefly discuss the issues surrounding the petition."

The PWAS petition and campaign seems, already, to be making headway.

The campaign was discussed at the Petitions Committee meeting on October 3.

The committee has agreed go back to the Cabinet Secretary for Economy and Infrastructure, Ken Skates AM, to seek resources to run the British Horse Society's (BHS) 'Dead? or Dead Slow' Campaign annually, and to seek the views of a representative body in this case the BHS on the issue.

Jo Lovell at the Senedd.

A Welsh Government spokesperson said: "We have long supported these campaigns and their continued efforts to improve the safety of horses and riders on our roads. We have been working closely with those involved in order to determine how best to maximise awareness."

The BHS campaign suggests that drivers should, on encountering a horse: slow down to 15mph; be patient, do not sound their horn or rev their engine; pass wide, at least a car's width; and drive slowly away.

For more information on the PWAS campaign, search for @PassWide andSlowWales on Facebook. **AJ**

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OPTICIANS' YEAR OF HELPING TY HAFAN

SPECSAVERS in Bridgend and Porthcawl has helped raise nearly £30,000 for the Welsh children's hospice, Tŷ Hafan, in a year of fundraising.

The Bridgend and Porthcawl stores joined forces with 35 other Specsavers opticians across south and mid Wales in September 2016, to raise as much as possible in one year for children and young people in Wales with life-limiting conditions, as well as their families.

Claire Edwards, store director in Porthcawl, said: "Ty Hafan is a charity that means a great deal to our staff and customers."

Specsavers marked the start of the partnership with a one-off donation of £10,958.

Ms Edwards added: "Whether buying something at a bake sale or donating spare change during a choir performance, our community has supported us throughout and we cannot thank everyone enough."

Since its creation in 1999, Ty Hafan has provided support for 720 children (699 families) across Wales, of which 247 children are currently receiving help from the charity.

Natalie Whyatt, corporate partnership manager at Ty Hafan, said: "We are so grateful to Specsavers for their incredible efforts in raising nearly £30,000.

"It costs £11,787 to provide just one day of care at our hospice, so £30,000 will pay for nearly three days, which is an extraordinary gift."

Carly Hicks, store manager of Specsavers in Porthcawl.

Bridgend Quiz League results

LATEST results for the Bridgend Quiz League for October 23 are as follows:

Division 1: Bye v Crown Maesteg; Laleston Inn A 44, Mackworth Arms 43; TyRisha Royals 43, Tondu Railway Club 49; Penybont FC Nomads 42, Five Bells A 43.

Division 2: Cabo Roche 49, Oddfellows Arms Bettws 52; Five Bells B 45, Pheasant Gamekeepers 49; Prince of Wales Coychurch 47, Chatterton Shunters 56; Pheasant Poachers 46, Laleston Inn B 56.

Moving start to Remembrance in the Garw Valley

OGMORE MP, Chris Elmore, has spoken of the concert he attended to mark the start of .

Mr Elmore attended the Poppy Appeal concert at the Garw Valley Leisure Centre which featured musical interludes from the Band and Corps of Drums of Her Majesty's Royal Marines and Maesteg Male Voice Choir.

Mr Elmore said: "Remembrance is always a moving time of the year when we reflect on those who have served from across our communities. It's a vital time to come together to express our thanks for the sacrifices made by so many in order for us to enjoy the freedoms we do today."

Russian choir delivers 'outstanding concert'

THE Voskresenije Vocal Ensemble, a Russian chamber choir and internationally acclaimed vocal ensemble from St Petersburg Conservatoire of Music, and Cantorion Coity, gave an outstanding concert at St Mary's Catholic Church, Ewenny Road, Bridgend on October 13, arranged by the Bridgend County Civic Charity for the Mayor of the County Borough of Bridgend, Coun Pamela Davies.

The chairperson of the charity Marlene Thomas welcomed everyone and introduced the comperè Eira Paskin who is the musical director of two local choirs, Ogmore Valley Male Choir and Cantorion Coity.

Mrs Paskin has taught English for many years at Brynteg Comprehensive School, but music has been the absorbing hobby she has been very pleased to indulge since she retired in 2000.

Much time has been spent accompanying various choirs and school pupils before taking on the demanding role of MD. This is what allows her to enjoy retirement so much.

Recently she was nominated for an 'Individual Citizen's Award' in recognition of her commitment and services to choral singing in the County Borough.

Gareth Waite is the accompanist from Pencoed. He started playing the piano when he was seven and went to Pencoed Comprehensive School, then studied law at the University of Exeter.

Following completion of his law degree, he was called to the Bar in 2008. He currently works for a law firm in Cardiff and enjoys music in his free time.

He is also the accompanist to Ogmore Valley Male Choir and plays the trombone for a number of different music groups in south Wales.

In between the two halves the Cantorion Coity sang a selection of traditional Welsh songs. Cantorion Coity is a Welsh mixed choir which was formed in September 2007 and is celebrating its 10th anniversary this year.

This was the original idea of Margaret Davies, who became the choir secretary, when a handful of experienced choristers met to sing in Welsh.

The choir is composed of 32 members. Cantorion Coity's large repertoire encompasses all aspects of Welsh choral music, including contemporary compositions, traditional music, hymns and folk songs as well as translations of songs from other cultures. Cantorion Coity is administered and run by a number of individuals.

The vocal ensemble Voskresenije (which translates as 'Resurrection') was founded by Jurij Maruk in 1993 and currently consists of eight professional female and male vocalists.

This was a concert of two halves. The evening began with sacred music, indisputably some of the most inspirational and moving pieces in the Russian sacred music repertoire.

The opening piece was Rachmaninov's 'In Thy Kingdom Remember us o Lord', followed by seven other pieces by various composers ending the first half with Verdi's '*Requiem aeternam*'.

The second half was a complete contrast with a selection of spectacular Russian folk songs, exploiting the talents of individual performers, displaying the extraordinary range of basso-profundo notes associated with the world of Russian choral music performed by Artamonov Anatoly, who is one of only two singers in St Petersburg able to reach the lowest notes.

Beautiful soprano, alto, tenor and bass solo performances enchanted the audience throughout the evening concluding with '*Kalinka*'.

Jurij Maruk, the conductor, is originally from Barnaul, west Siberia; he is also a singer and conductor, but has led the Novosibirsk Chamber Choir, the Waldimir Minin Choir in Moscow, the Marininski Theatre Sacred Music Choir and the St Petersburg Radio and Television Choir.

The choir has performed extensively throughout Russia and also in Germany, Switzerland, France, Italy, Austria and the United Kingdom.

The Voskresenije Vocal Ensemble will be visiting the Bridgend County Borough again in 2018.

The next charity event, a coffee morning, is on Friday, November 17 at the Heronston Hotel at 10am to 12pm. Admission is £5.

For further information and to reserve tickets contact Mari Major on 01656 651491 or Marlene Thomas 01656 871439.

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BUTTRILLS at the Town Council offices, Gladstone Road, Barry (at the side of the Memorial Hall) on Thursday, October 26 at 6.30pm.

Railway lecture

THE next lecture of the Barry and Penarth Railway Society will take place on Thursday, October 26 at The Conservative Club, Penarth (CF64 2EZ) starting at 7.30pm.

Free entry; come and join us for a couple of hours. Brian Tucker will present a programme of photos of diesel-hauled coal trains in the Valleys taken in the 1970s and 1980s.

Cafe Camelot

CASTLELAND Community Centre is opening up their café to the local community during Fare Share day, so come along and enjoy a tea or coffee for just a £1, with a free cake.

It takes place on Friday, October 27 between 2pm and 4pm on Belvedere Crescent, Barry CF63 4JZ.

Coffee and cakes

CASTLELAND Community Centre, Barry, will be holding a coffee and cake day on Friday, October 27, from 2pm until 4pm. Everyone welcome.

Model Day at Barry War Museum

BARRY War Museum will be holding its autumn Model Day on Sunday, October 29.

It's a great opportunity for people to come along and see what modelling is all about. It is also an opportunity for modellers to meet other modellers and see displays of their work. This year, it will feature radio control cars and tanks, as well as plastic aircraft kits.

Visitors will be able to see demonstrations of radio control cars and tanks. They will also be able to have a go at plastic kit modelling. The event starts at 10.30am, refreshments available. You will find Barry War Museum at Barry Island Railway Station, Station Approach Road, Barry, (CF62 5TH).

AM's surgery

VALE AM Jane Hutt will be holding a surgery on Saturday, October 28 from 10am – 11am at Murchfield Hall, Dinas Powys. No appointment necessary.

Cake sale

FRIENDS of Penarth Library are holding a Hallowe'en cake sale in the library from 10am on Saturday, October 28.

Tax advice

AGE Connects Cardiff and Vale are holding a free tax advice surgery at Age Connects Cardiff and Vale Senior Health Shop, 38 Holton Road, Barry on Monday, October 30 from 9.30am to 11.30am.

No appointment is needed; just come along and chat to the retired tax advisor. Contact 01446 732386 for further information.

Credit Union

IF you live in The Vale and are looking for flexible saving and low interest loans – perhaps a loan for electrical and white goods (in partnership with Co-op Electrical) – Age Connects Cardiff and Vale are holding an advice session at the Senior Health Shop, 38 Holton Road, Barry on Tuesday, October 31 from 10am to 12pm.

No appointment needed, come talk to an adviser from Cardiff and Vale Credit Union. Call 01446 732385 for further information.

Hallowe'en at Griffin Books

GRIFFIN BOOKS on Windsor Road, Penarth is hosting a Hallowe'en-themed drop in session for children on Tuesday, October 31 between 10.30am and 2.30pm.

There will be stories, crafts and other activities and a discount on all Hallowe'en books. Admission is free and refreshments will be served.

Deaf/Blind Cymru

IF you have trouble with your sight or hearing, or you recognise this in a loved one – don't be afraid to talk about it and get support.

Deaf/Blind Cymru provides an outreach service, volunteers and befrienders to provide companionship, support and social groups to bring deaf/blind people together.

The service can provide useful information and aids to make life easier. Come and chat to Carol Williams from Deaf/Blind Cymru on Tuesday, October 31 10am to 12pm at Age Connects Cardiff and Vale Senior Health Shop, 38 Holton Road, Barry. No appointment needed. Call 01446 732385 for further information.

Independent living

IF you live on your own and need advice on making life easier, Age Connects Cardiff and Vale are holding an informal drop-in advice session on Tuesday, October 31 from 10am to 12pm at the Senior Health Shop, 38 Holton Road, Barry.

Come and get advice on stair lifts, home adaptations, mobility aids etc. Snowdrops Independent Living will give professional advice to householders and carers to help find practical solutions to the difficulties of independent living.

For further information call 01446 732385 or just come along; no appointment is needed.

Hallowe'en in Llantwit Major

TWO events take place at Llantwit Major Rugby Club for Hallowe'en.

On Sunday, October 29 from 3pm to 4.15pm, there will be a children's bingo event (six games for £2.50), with raffle. There will also be a Hallowe'en fancy dress competition. Proceeds will go to Children in Need.

On Monday, October 30, a charity coffee and cake evening in aid of Macmillan takes place from 6pm.

There will be an adult bingo session (books £12), a raffle and fancy dress. All welcome.

All Saints' roof

NOVEMBER Autumn Lunches in aid of the All Saints' Roof Restoration Project, will be served on four Thursdays of the month at All Saints' Church Hall on Park Road.

Dates are November 2, 9, 16 and 23 between 12pm – 1.30pm. Entry is £5 which includes soup with crusty bread, pudding, tea and raffle. Everyone is welcome.

Cowbridge History Society

THE society's next meeting of the season will be on Friday, November 3 at 7.30pm in the Lesser Hall of the Town Hall, Cowbridge.

'At the Grave of Henry Vaughan: a 1924 Road Trip' will be presented by Deborah Fisher.

Art in Wick

THE Wick Group of Artists are holding their autumn exhibition on Saturday, November 11 at Wick Village Hall, Church Street, Wick from 10.30am – 4.30pm.

Visitors can watch the artists at work, purchase pictures in different media as well as other items of interest. Entry is adults £1 and children 50p (to include tea/coffee and cake).

A quarter of all profits to Wick village hall and Wick church roof restoration funds. For further information call 07941 203939.

Christmas Party Night at Y Bont

ON Friday, December 8 come along to Bridgend Rugby Club from 7pm until midnight.

The evening includes buffet and disco.

Dress Code: Best Party Clothes! Grand raffle and lots of fun… hope you can make it!

£15 each for a buffet, disco; our Christmas raffle tickets are now on sale, loads of lovely prizes.

For further information contact Y Bont at Ewenny Road, Bridgend, CF31 3HT, call 01656 646013 or visit www.ybont.com.

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Royal Mail's reminder of Christmas posting dates

THE Royal Mail has announced the latest Christmas posting dates for economy surface mail to Europe to ensure cards, letters and parcels arrive in time for Christmas Day. They are:

The latest recommended posting date for surface mail to eastern Europe, Greece, Cyprus, Turkey, Malta and Iceland, is Thursday, November 2.

Economy Surface cards and parcels to western Europe including France, Germany and Italy must be in the Royal Mail system by Thursday, November 16, if parcels and cards are to arrive in time for Christmas Day.

Andy Pickering, head of network, Royal Mail, said: "Economy surface mail products provide value for money for those sending cards, letters and parcels to Europe.

"We don't want anyone to be disappointed if they are waiting for Christmas mail. As always, we urge customers to post all mail as early as possible as Royal Mail builds up to its busiest time of year."

Airmail recommended posting dates for around the globe are typically in early December and will be announced at a later date.

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A WELSH CAPITALIST AND A SOVIET COMMUNIST AT COWBRIDGE U3A

THE scheduled speaker for October 2017 cancelled at very short notice because of illness, so Cowbridge U3A was fortunate that Geoff Henderson, a member of Porthcawl U3A, was able to step in at the last minute.

His talk was on the 19th century Welsh engineer and businessman John Hughes and Nikita Krushchev, leader of the Soviet Communist Party from 1958 to 1964; strange bedfellows, one might think.

John Hughes was born around 1814 in Merthyr Tydfil, where his father worked in Crawshay's iron works. It was there that he started his career, at 14, as an apprentice.

He then moved to Ebbw Vale, before joining the Uskside Foundry in Newport in the 1840s as general manager. It was here that Hughes made his reputation and fortune, patenting a number of inventions in armaments and armour plating.

In the mid-1850s, Hughes moved to London, where the various companies he worked for won worldwide acclaim for the iron cladding of wooden warships for the Admiralty; Hughes was given much of the credit.

In 1868, the Millwall Iron Works Company he managed received an order from the Russian Government for the armour plating of naval fortresses being built on the Baltic Sea. Hughes subsequently accepted a concession from the Russians, who were desperate to industrialise a mainly agrarian country, to develop metal works in the region.

He formed the New Russia Company Ltd to raise capital, and in the summer of 1870, at the age of 55, he moved to the Ukraine. He sailed with eight ships, with not only all the equipment necessary to establish an iron works, but also much of the skilled labour, a group of about 100 ironworkers, miners and even some chemists, mostly from his native south Wales.

The state-of-the-art works that was constructed had eight blast furnaces and was operational by 1872.

The Hughes factory gave its name to the settlement which grew in its shadow, and the town of Hughesovka (Yuzovka in Ukrainian) grew rapidly. Over the next 20 years, the works prospered and expanded, first under John Hughes and then, after his death in 1889, under the management of four of his sons.

The city was renamed Donetsk in 1961 and remains a major centre of metallurgical industries.

Unfortunately, there was a disparity between the working and living circumstances of the British ex-pats and the Russian employees of the business. The latter endured brutal working conditions (it was, effectively, a police state), poor pay, 14-16 hour working days and very substandard accommodation. Despite cholera epidemics and injuries at work (nearly half the work force could be injured annually), few doctors were available.

Despite this 'capitalist exploitation', a statue of John Hughes was erected in Donetsk in 2001.

The second part of the talk focussed on Nikita Krushchev, born in 1894. His coal miner father took him out of school early even though he was thought to be clever, and he became a metal worker in his youth. He was a troublemaker and was frequently fired from jobs. Krushchev developed a reputation as a political agitator and, following the 1917 Russian Revolution, he gradually worked his way up the Soviet hierarchy to become a political commissar. He supported Joseph Stalin's brutal purges in the 1920s and '30s and approved thousands of arrests and executions.

In 1938, Stalin sent him to govern Ukraine, and he continued the purges there.

Khrushchev was present at the bloody defence of Stalingrad in World War Two, something he took great pride in throughout his life.

After the war, he became one of Stalin's close advisers in Moscow, surviving the frequent 'disposal of threats', both real and imaginary, that were a feature of the mass murderer's regime.

Stalin's death in 1953 triggered a power struggle, and Khrushchev emerged victorious.

In 1956, he delivered a speech which denounced Stalin and his purges, which ushered in a less repressive era in the Soviet Union.

His domestic policies, although aimed at bettering the lives of ordinary citizens, were often ineffective, especially in agriculture, but there were some successes, such as the low rise apartment blocks Krushchev had ordered to be constructed, which gave many workers their first real home.

Becoming increasingly unpopular, he was deposed as Premier in October 1964. However, Krushchev did not suffer the deadly fate of previous losers of Soviet power struggles and was pensioned off with an apartment in Moscow and a *dacha* in the countryside.

He died in 1971; apart from a bust on his grave, there is only one statue of him (in a Crimean town).

So what was the connection between these two men? One was a capitalist, 'making his wealth on the backs of the workers', the other a Communist, in favour of socialism, but complicit in many, many deaths of ordinary working people.

Essentially, they were both poorly educated, having left school early; John Hughes was only semi-literate – he was unable to write and could only read capital letters – and Krushchev was also believed to be illiterate when he started work. The Russian was to claim that the story of John Hughes turned him from a peasant to a revolutionary. Both began in menial jobs in the metal industry, but were driven by ambition to achieve more in life; in this they succeeded beyond their wildest youthful dreams.

At the next meeting there will be a talk by Peter Cox on 'GCHQ Cheltenham' at 2pm on Wednesday, November 8. Visitors welcome (there is a small fee, which includes refreshments).

See www.u3asites.org.uk/cowbridge for further information.

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John Hughes.

Nikita Krushchev

Appeal for a new home for oldest resident

DOGS Trust Bridgend is appealing for a home for its oldest resident, who is the human equivalent of 91 years old.

Annabella is a 13-year-old Staffordshire Bull Terrier, who found herself under the care of Dogs Trust Bridgend after her owner became ill and was unable to care for her.

Annabella is well above the age of four – the average age of a Dogs Trust dog – and is well into her retirement years. But staff are hoping she finds a loving home where she can put her paws up and relax in her twilight years.

Angela Wetherall, rehoming centre manager at Dogs Trust Bridgend, said: "It's especially sad when older dogs come to us and have to leave everything they know behind through no fault of their own. Annabella is getting lots of TLC from her canine carers, but we're really hoping somebody will open their home and heart to this mature lady really soon.

"There are so many advantages to owning an older dog and they make great companions.

"Annabella would make a perfect companion dog and she is looking for a quiet home to keep someone company who is around for most of the day. She doesn't need much exercise but is happy to go for a stroll or potter about in the garden. She loves a cuddle, so would be at her happiest relaxing on the sofa with her new family."

The team says she would be best suited to an adult-only home, but could live with older, 'sensible' children over the age of 14 and would need to be the only dog in the home.

The rehoming centre is also keen to encourage people to consider the advantages of owning an older dog which include:

They need less exercise but are still just as fun;

They are used to living in a home, so come house-trained and are not as destructive as a puppy;

Their personalities are already shaped, so new owners can really understand and appreciate the dog they are welcoming into their family.

If you can offer Annabella a home, then call 0300 303 0292.

Author's début book launched in Porthcawl

Pat Roper with James Davies, a young reader.

PORTHCAWL writer Pat Roper launched her first book – a children's book entitled *The Lost Moon* – to an audience, including a number of published authors, in The Grand Pavilion cafe bar in Porthcawl.

This space adventure is aimed at children aged between 6 and 9.

An audience aged 8-80 gathered to hear Pat explain how she came to write the book.

She read from it and took questions, many from younger members of the audience keen to share their knowledge of, and enthusiasm for the topic.

Pat's book has been published by Burst Publishing, one of only two specialist children's book publishers in Wales.

The book which has had favourable reviews in the South Wales Post and Goodreads and is on sale at the SUSSED shop in James Street in Porthcawl, at the Cowbridge Bookshop and on Amazon.

New Cowbridge toy shop is family friendly

WHENEVER a new business opens in a town it's a sign that the proprietor has confidence in the location.

In the case of The Toy Box, which has opened in Willow Walk, Cowbridge, that is doubly true, as it is very much a sister shop for the well-established Pencil Case, in Eastgate.

Owner Sally Stephenson sees the opening of the new shop as a way of expanding her existing outlet, stocking items she would have had at the Pencil Case (if space allowed) but also adding a whole range of toys for children from new-born to 12.

This Saturday, October 28, is the shop's grand opening, and there will be free balloons and a chance to try out many of the toys.

Sally told The GEM: "There have been some changes in Cowbridge in recent years, and I think there is definitely a gap in the market for children's toys, games and gifts.

"As in the Pencil Case, there is also a good choice of items for children to spend their own money on."

Toys galore in the Toy Box!

Family boards games are stocked, and there is a large range of craft activities, from fuzzy felt on wards.

Sally aims to stock good quality, distinctive products at sensible prices, and one line that its the bill is from France, 'Avenue Mandarine' which has something for all ages.

Also, as with any good toy shop, a range of Harry Potter and Star Wars items are in stock.

The Toy Box is at 2, Willow Walk, Cowbridge, just across the bridge from Penny Lane, in the premises formerly occupied by Scallywags.

First aid for U3A

COWBRIDGE U3A hasn't had an accident, but representatives of interest groups recently met to take part in an 'Every Day First Aid' course, led by Claire Greenhouse of the British Red Cross.

Members looked at various scenarios of incidents that can arise from everyday situations, for example falls – and discussed possible responses to them.

Rather to the group's surprise, everyone was able to suggest ways in which to help those affected, despite concerns at the start of the session that members would be ill-equipped to assist.

Ms Greenhouse described best practice for each of the scenarios and by the end of the session, everyone was convinced that they had the common sense and knowledge to be able to help someone in need.

BARRY ISLAND SATURDAY 4TH NOVEMBER FIREWORK SPECTACULAR

Rotary Club of Barry set to host 44th 'Fireworks Fiesta'!

ONCE again, with the sponsorship of Barry Town Council and the collaboration of the Vale Council, the Rotary Club of Barry is delighted to bring you an exceptional evening of fun and fireworks, as we stage our 44th Fireworks Fiesta on Saturday, November 4.

We will be holding it whatever the weather brings, except, perhaps, gales, so please ignore any rumours to the contrary. This year's display will be even better than last year!

Come along and enjoy yourselves for what promises to be a wonderful evening of fun, fireworks and music.

The fireworks will start at 7.45pm prompt, but to avoid the last-minute rush, we suggest arriving from 6pm.

You will be able to enjoy the delights supplied by the Island traders before and after the main event.

Pay and display parking is available in the Harbour Road and Nell's Point car parks. Please note that charges will apply – under one-hour, 50p, one hour-plus, £2.50, and disabled badges are free.

We ask everyone attending to donate money into the collecting buckets carried by Rotarians, Cadets, Scouts and other volunteers wearing the yellow tabards of our Rotary Club to help future funding of the event.

If everyone gave at least £1, we would ensure the continuation of the fireworks, and help deserving causes so much more.

Over the years the fiesta has been very popular and traffic delays are to be expected, so where possible please car share and consider these alternative forms of transport:

Barry Docks Station/Barry Station: Park at either site and take the regular Arriva train service to Barry Island. For times, visit *www.arrivatrainswales.co.uk* or ring 08457 48 49 50.

Hood Road Train Service: The Barry Tourist Railway will be operating a park and ride service from Hood Road Station, Waterfront, to Barry Island Station from 6pm to 9pm.

The following road closures will be in place on the night: Paget Road, between Harbour Road and its cul-de-sac end near the lifeguard station, including the un-named section of road adjacent to the side of number 10 Paget Road (excluding the lane), between the hours of 5pm and 10pm.

Friars Road, between its junction with Station Approach Road and Paget Road, from the hours of 5pm and 10pm.

Station Approach Road at its junction with Paget Road between the hours of 6pm and 10pm.

Paget Road, between its junction with Plymouth Road and its junction with Clive Road, between the hours of 7.45pm and 10pm.

The club apologises to Island residents for any inconvenience caused during the road closure period (5pm to 10pm) and local people are advised to use Plymouth Road for access during these times.

Follow @visitthevale, FB visitthevale and @VOGCouncil, FB Vale of Glamorgan for all event information.

Looking forward to seeing everyone on November 4.

by CARL KERR,
chairman firework committee,
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A look back at fireworks fiestas past with these images from 2015. IMAGE BY ROGER HARRISON

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Schedule 1

Column 1	Column 2	Column 3
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Dated this 26th day of October 2017

M. E. Punter, Director of Environment & Housing,
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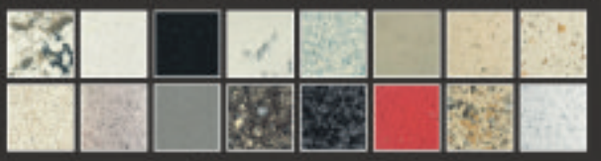

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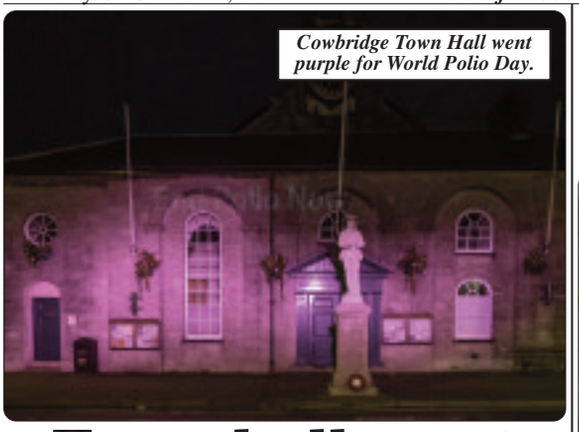

Cowbridge Town Hall went purple for World Polio Day.

Town hall went purple for World Polio Day

COWBRIDGE Rotary lit the Town Hall purple to raise awareness about polio on Monday, October 23 and Tuesday, October 24 for World Polio Day.

Across the world, Rotary members are among many to support efforts to end polio, a vaccine preventable disease that still threatens children in parts of the world.

Children vaccinated have a purple mark put on their finger so they are identified, which has led to the purple being the brand colour for ending polio.

Cowbridge Rotary supports the End Polio campaign with donations to the Rotary Foundation, Rotary's own charity and anybody wishing to make a contribution towards the end polio now campaign should contact treasurer@cowbridge.rotary1150.org.

Forgotten soldiers: the men who will now be remembered in Cowbridge

IN time for Remembrance Day, 100 years after they lost their lives in World War One, the names of five local men will appear on the Cowbridge War Memorial.

They are Frank Lewis, William Howell, Edmund Thomas, Thomas Thomas and Rowland Parry Thomas.

Take a look at the following 'pen picture' of each man: you may know someone who is related, it could even be you.

The GEM will feature the lives and deaths of these five sons of Cowbridge in editions leading up to this year's Armistice Day and Remembrance Sunday.

This week we feature William Howell: born 1891, died July 7, 1916.

William Howell, born early 1891, was the son of Thomas Howell of Welsh St Donats and Elizabeth Howell (nee Price) of Newcastle Emlyn, Cardiganshire.

Thomas was born at The Three Boars Heads inn at 25, High St Cowbridge (now Greggs), which was being run by his widowed grandmother, Catherine Howell, and had been run by the family since 1871.

William's father Thomas took over running the pub in 1894, but he died just a few years later and his mother Catherine stepped in. The family, including William, were still living in and running The Three Boars Heads in 1901.

William was educated in Cowbridge and left home for work in his mid teens, and in 1911 was living with his aunt and uncle in Cardiff. He was working as a printer's compositor.

He enlisted in the Welsh Regiment fairly early in the war and entered France in December 1915. He lost his life on July 7, 1916 aged 25, and is commemorated in the Thiepval Memorial in Northern France.

William was awarded (posthumously) the British Medal, Victory Medal and 15 Star, which were collected by his mother, who by this time had moved to Bridgend.

Volunteering fair sees 200 people sign up

Signing up to volunteer!

OVER 180 members of the public along with 60 organisations, all stepped away from their busy lives to attend GVS's second Big Volunteering Fayre on October 12, the biggest event of its kind for volunteering in the Vale of Glamorgan.

With nearly 800 enquiries resulting in a quarter of those signing up to volunteer, the event was a resounding success for all those who attended. Stall holders spoke of the opportunities, not just in meeting potential volunteers, but about the invaluable networking opportunities available on the day.

Thanks must go to the sponsors of the day who provided the refreshments: Asda, Tesco and Sainsbury's, and to the staff of the Memo. The prize draw of a tablet, donated by Vale Homes via Fireflies, was won by Nicky Vickery.

Glamorgan Voluntary Services (GVS), 01446 741706; enquiries@gvs.wales; www.gvs.wales.

Turf topics

VALE trainer Tim Vaughan saw his eight-year-old Tara Mac who was racing for the first time in 209 days land the Totepool Racecourse Debit Card Betting Available Handicap Chase at Stratford last Saturday (October 21).

A 12-1 chance,Tara Mac ridden by Sam Twiston Davies won by five lengths from the Rob Williams-partnered Agreement.

Robbie's grandfather Bargoed's Bernard Llewellyn won the closing BetFred Shops Lady Riders Handicap Hurdle with 4-1 shot Global Thrill who was partnered by Miss Page Fuller.

Course and distance winner Global Thrill had five lengths to spare over the Nigel Twiston-Davies-trained Bring Back Charlie. However, in the Ladbroke's Welsh Champion Hurdle at Ffos Las, his nine-year-old The New One won by three parts of a length from the Evan Williams-trained Clyne ridden by the amateur rider Mr Baker.

In the National Hunt Flat race, Al Dancer trained by Ogmore's Christian Williams and ridden by champion jockey Richard Johnson failed by half-a-length to beat The Dubai Way.

FLINT'S WINDSOR WIN

Vale trainer John Flint landed the Sky Bet Cash Out Handicap (Division 1) at Windsor on Monday with his consistent three-year-old Love And Be Loved who was winning for the third time on the bounce.

Partnered by seven pounds claimer William Cox, Love And Be Loved scored by two lengths from Edgar Alan Poe and was the punters's choice.

BRIAN LEE

Lee signing at rugby club

BRIDGEND ATHLETIC legend Lee Byrne will be signing his Autobiography, The Byrne Identity, at the Bridgend Athletic clubhouse this coming Sunday, October 29, between 12pm-2pm.

The book will make an ideal Christmas present for Athletic fans highlighting the highpoints and low points of his career which started with the Athletic youth. The book pulls no punches.

Lee, like fellow British Lion Rhys Webb, has never forgotten his Athletic roots. Both have presented jerseys and other mementos to the club and been generous with their time at awards presentations and fundraising dinners.

Lee played two seasons with the Ath youth and made 51 senior appearances in season 1999-2001, scoring 110 points from 22 tries.

It is unlikely in these modern days of academy rugby that anybody will be plucked from junior level rugby as Lee was. He then moved to local club Tondu, who were playing at a higher level in those days, before moving on to the Scarlets, Ospreys, Clement Auvergne and finally Newport Gwent Dragons, before retiring with a recurring shoulder injury.

He made 230 appearances at those senior teams, scoring 312 points.

Mike Ruddock gave Lee his first cap in 2005 and Lee was pleased that he sent him a letter when he was forced to retire from the game with a shoulder injury.

He made 46 Welsh appearances between 2005-2011, scoring 50 points. Lee also played during the Gareth Jenkins and Warren Gatland eras.

He went on the 2009 Lions to tour to South Africa when he was generally accepted as the world's number one full back, but unfortunately injury curtailed his Lions career to the one test match.

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Bridgend Sports mini and junior rugby round-up

STORM Brian had wreaked havoc the day and night before, but the high wind helped save a few fixtures this week as it dried out the rugby grounds that had suffered a soaking in the run up to this week's games.

It did not however prevent the under-13s and under-14s having their away fixtures cancelled the night before due to the adverse weather.

The mini section seemed to thrive in the uncertainty as all sides travelled to the Vale of Glamorgan for games against Cowbridge and Llantwit Major. It was a productive week end as the weather eventually brought some sun to inspire some thrilling rugby from all sides.

The under-7s continue to build confidence. They played six periods of rugby against Llantwit Major (3) and Cowbridge (3). In the first games, debutants Bailey Williams and Sam B are learning fast with both scoring a try and making some fine tags.

Others who showed great support throughout were Holly and Aaron Eynon and Ellis Luke. Matthew Griffiths was on fire as he bagged eight tags altogether. Tries over the three games were scored by Aled Rees with five, Gethin Roberts with two tries and Seb Stowe with one.

The overall scores saw the team win two games and lose one game. In the other team games, there was saw some great interplay and passing.

Tyler Pascoe tagged like a demon with seven tags altogether. Archie Hall scored five tries, Ollie Balmer two tries, Rhodri Griffith's two tries and Ellis K one try. Leo Dadsmo was the star tagger this week throughout all three games. Oscar Gee was in great support throughout. It was the same return for his team as they also won two games and lost one.

The under-8s also show evidence of further improvement as each week passes. Again the two sides, the Sports enjoyed the morning with one team winning all their games and the other worked hard to keep the score tight with a loss and a draw.

It was an incredible morning of rugby with the Sports scoring 28 tries in total, Llantwit Major 13 and Cowbridge 12.

Try scorers for the Sports were: Dan Perriman (5), Dan Flower (2), Rhodri Owen, Rafferty Williams, Max Hearing, Sam Heycock, Rhys Evans (3), Thomas Roberts (4), Louis Payne, Kayden Jones (2), AJ Cawly, Gethin Jones (6). Star player of the week was Dan Perriman.

The under-9s also thoroughly enjoyed the visit to the Vale. The Sports played some fantastic rugby against a very big Cowbridge side.

They produced an excellent display of fluent rugby with great offloading in the tackle from all the players, which was backed up by some better defence when needed.

They drew their first game 6-6 with tries from Harry Mallinson, Osian Stephens, Gethin Evans, Leo Giraud and Hari Coulthard. They succeeded in going one step further in their second game as they run out with a narrow 6-5 win. The try scorers were Gethin Evans, Billy Carpenter-Davies, Leo Giraud, Noah Roberts, Izaac Bowness and Jayden Walters.

This set them up for their third game against Llantwit Major. The early success was sustained as they ran out victors by two tries to nil. Try scorers were Noah Roberts and Stan McEvoy. Other players who played really well were Tyler Ott, Lucas Hostettler-Davies, Oliver Alexandre, Nathan Fisher, Sion Coulthard, Cai Poucher, Ryleigh, all the players gave it their all. The star player of the day was Stan McEvoy.

Cowbridge defeated the under-10s' two sides as they won 60-40. They played Cowbridge B team first, winning 15-40 - the win was attributed to some fantastic offloads, tackling with a better rucking performance.

The side then played the Cowbridge A team, who produced a fantastic display of ball handling skills but the Sports never gave in and tried hard to complete in all aspects of the game.

Despite a valiant effort, they could not halt a defeat against a superior Cowbridge A team. Chloe Roblin was the Sports player of the week due to her fantastic carrying of the ball and rucking skills.

The under-11s impressed with a 0-35 victory over Cowbridge. It was an excellent win which was built on defence. The Sports put Cowbridge under pressure to force mistakes and then great team work saw them run in five unanswered tries.

The side's commitment on the day was summed up when they held up Cowbridge over their own line to secure a scrum. They secured possession at the five-metre scrum against the head and then run the ball to the other end to score a try in the corner.

The under-12s were at home for a game against Fairwater. This was a very scrappy affair with neither side getting going. Storm Brian during the night had created a bit of an eyrie atmosphere at Newbridge Fields and the rugby followed suit.

The wind was still a feature and neither side mastered the conditions. The Sports got off to a slow start and allowed Fairwater the first score, with some non-existent tackling but then woke up just before half-time to sneak a score when Megan Lewis took the ball on a front lineout peal to race into to score from 10 metres out.

Cian John kicked the conversion for the Sports to take a narrow 7-5 lead at half-time. The half-time team talk woke up a few and the Sports began to assert themselves.

It was 10 minutes before they were to extend the lead which came from a scrum on the Fairwater 22, the backs moved the ball quickly, Callum Lewis timed a pass to give Dylan Morgan a little space, he accelerated away to outpace the remaining defenders to score near the touch line for the Sports to extend their lead to 12 points to 5. It was a lead that they retained until the final whistle.

The under-15s headed to Gorseinon in the full knowledge they were in for a battle. It was a nail-biting, exciting game. The Sports going lead at half-time 24-19.

Throughout the game it was score for score. Gorseinon then edged in front 29-26 but the Sports kept calm to chip away at their opponents to eventually outscore Gorseinon and come home with a 41-31 win.

It is a remarkable story of character as the side have struggled through some tough times to now win three consecutive games.

The under-16s' run of form came to a halt in the Ospreys Cup at home as they went down to a stronger Bryncethin side, 0-39.

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Local housing association celebrates a 'successful year'

VALLEYS to Coast Housing (V2C) celebrated the success of the last year with a 'customer photography event' held in Bridgend College.

In 2016-17, V2C developed 32 new homes, continued their home improvement programme, introduced the installation of carbon monoxide alarms in homes and supported seven new apprentices throughout the organisation.

V2C has continued to work closely with partners such as Space Saviours, Keep Wales Tidy and Street Games to make communities a better place to live, and has developed a new digital programme for customers to communicate more easily.

To celebrate these achievements a photography competition ran throughout July and August for residents of Bridgend to send in photos of where they live. The photos were displayed at V2C's annual general meeting and winners were presented with a framed photo and gift voucher.

Performing arts students of Bridgend College entertained on the night through the medium of dance and hospitality students prepared and served refreshments.

Gwen Harding, winner of the creative photographic message award said: "I felt nervous as each category came up, and when I won I was ecstatic. I never thought I would win something."

Tracey Everton said: "It was lovely to see all the photographs on the display boards on arrival and again on the big screen. The photo my son Brady entered had such sentimental value for us. Brady was so proud."

V2C spokesperson.

Gwen Harding won the 'photographic message award'.

Brady was 'proud' of his winning entry.

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Sara visited the Palace

SARA Payne, from Caerphilly and who works in Cardiff with children and families facing mental health issues was recognised when she was invited to Buckingham Palace to a reception hosted by the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge and Prince Harry.

All three Royals have become mental health champions and Sara, who currently works for the fostering team in Barnardo's Cymru in Cardiff, was among experts and celebrities from across the UK invited to the reception on World Mental Health Day (October 10).

Both princes have spoken recently about the impact of their mother's early death and Sara was instrumental in setting up a Barnardo's Cymru bereavement service for Cardiff to support children and families through their grief.

She said: "It was a great privilege to be invited, to have chance to flag up our initiatives in Wales and hear the stories of some remarkable people working in mental health.

"I think that having so much support from the Royals will make a big difference. They are genuinely interested and have already done so much to help reduce the stigma associated with mental health and raise awareness. The most important thing is for children and young people to be able to share their thoughts and fears and develop ways of coping with worries.

"I think the princes understand some of their issues and have really helped young people reach out, develop their strengths and build resilience because they experienced loss and trauma themselves.

"Bereavement affects us all and we are still dealing with a huge inability in society to manage it in a healthy way."

Stephen Fry spoke about the need for people to talk more openly about their mental health and the Duke paid tribute to his wife, on her first public engagement since announcing her third pregnancy, for coming up with the idea of Heads Together awareness campaign.

Sara, a registered psychiatric nurse, counsellor and mother of two lives in Caerphilly. Much of her work was done in her recent role as manager of Barnardo Cymru's Emotional Health and Wellbeing Strategy funded by Cardiff Families First. The charity worked in partnership with six other providers on 14 mental health and wellbeing services .

Barnardo's Cymru set up the Cardiff Bereavement Service, Bounce Back listening service for schools, Free2Bee trauma-informed service for asylum seekers and refugee families and the Vale's school-based counselling service.

Sara believes she was invited to the reception following her work developing a child and adolescent to adult mental health services transition model, in Cardiff. The model, designed to help young people with significant mental illnesses to overcome barriers which could prevent them living a normal life was developed in consultation with children, young people and families.

It focused on providing assertive outreach support workers to enable young people to access adult services, (housing, welfare,) alongside engaging in education and training opportunities to help them to develop new skills and feel more confident and competent in being more socially active.

The model has been adopted by Welsh Government as good practice for all professionals working together to support young people through the transition from child to adult mental health services. It led to Barnardo's gaining funding to provide First Episode Psychosis Service support workers to new local health board services, being set up in partnership between adult and child mental health services.

Young people will be encouraged to incorporate healthy eating, exercise and socialising into their lives and there will be support for parents and carers when needed.

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Armando Iannucci's The Death of Stalin is 'the funniest film of the year'

ARMANDO IANNUCCI has shown himself to be a fine purveyor of sharp satire, having created TV series *The Thick Of It* for UK audiences (giving rise to Peter Capaldi's firebrand Malcolm Tucker) and then going 'across the pond' to create *Veep*, which has been a huge success.

Iannucci has dabbled with cinema, his 2009 big screen debut *In The Loop* (which acted as an unofficial bridge between *The Thick Of It* and *Veep*) critically acclaimed, and his new film, *The Death of Stalin*, is similarly set up to satirise and skewer politics – albeit from Russia in 1953.

When Russian leader Stalin dies of a heart attack, the power vacuum soon sucks up many would-be leaders, among them Jeffrey Tambor's Malenkov, Steve Buscemi's Khrushchev, Simon Russell Beale's Beria and Michael Palin's Molotov.

But the climb up the ladder is a slippery one and soon there are double dealings, back stabbings and worse as all jockey for the position of the new leader of the Soviet Union…

It's safe to say that life in the Soviet Union in 1953 wasn't for the faint of heart, and this is established within the opening 10 minutes of the film; on the one hand you have the comedy as an exasperated Paddy Considine is forced to take drastic action after Stalin requests a recording of a concert that hadn't been recorded, while you have the rather dramatic depiction of houses and apartments being raided by the security forces, those being taken away the victims of the whims of the man in charge of the security forces.

It's this tightrope between humour and horror that Armanda Iannucci walks exceptionally well in *The Death of Stalin*, a film that embraces the farcical and satirical yet always has a constant reminder that while we can laugh at the actions and intentions of these characters, ultimately there was a real cost.

While his work with both *The Thick of It* and *Veep* has delighted in skewering real-world politics, going back over 60 years gives Iannucci a new canvas to work on, even if the base of his work remains the same.

Adapted from a graphic novel by Fabien Nury and Thierry Robin, Iannucci and his co-writers (including David Schneider, a regular co-conspirator) have put together a film where the gag rate, and the success rate, is pretty near impeccable.

Whether it's a pithy aside or a moment played for broad comedy, every gag hits the spot while never shaking off the fact that it's based on less-than-likeable characters.

What adds to the humour (and saves you having to sit through actors doing their garbled bit to recreate the Russian intonation) is that everyone speaks in their own accent, so pre-death Stalin (played by Adrian McLoughlin) fits the gap between Lord Sugar and a gangland boss, Jason Isaacs' magnificent Zhukov is a bold-as-brass Yorkshireman, Steve Buscemi's Khrushchev is wily New Yorker, and so on.

It means that the cast are unencumbered by accent accuracy and this lends itself perfectly to the humour (when Zhukov begins the end game, having described what he had done to Germany, he offers a rather hearty "I think I can take a flesh lump in a …waistcoat" in reference to the slightly-portly Beria.

Isaacs' turn is broad and hilarious, yet Rupert Friend's small-but-grand turn as Stalin's drunkard son is laugh-out-loud hilarious, Michael Palin's Molotov a jovial, yet quietly dangerous character (some of the absurdity within the story is right out of the Monty Python playbook, giving Palin's casting an extra edge), Jeffrey Tambor's Malenkov, thrust into the role of unlikely leader, is a man vastly out of his depth trying to stay afloat, while Simon Russell Beale's Beria may have a way with a sharp putdown, but he is also a hugely reprehensible character, the actor keeping him just the right side of comical without trivialising his actions.

There isn't a poor performance to be found in this huge ensemble.

Iannucci's direction is also bolder and more and expansive, getting the scale of the Soviet Union and capturing the largesse of that period exceptionally well, especially as the budget was likely small fry compared to most period films, yet the direction balances the story, the jokes and the visuals with no little dexterity.

It's always fun to watch people scrabble round to achieve their dreams (even more so when they realise their power isn't going to be enough), and the infighting and the plotting gives the film a zip that means that even at 106 minutes there is very little sag, a rarity in the comedy genre.

It needed a careful and well-attuned sensibility to get the humour and the horror of the Soviet Union across, and Armando Iannucci is that man – *The Death of Stalin* is easily the funniest film of the year so far, and a genuine triumph of a film.

VERDICT: A superb piece of work, Armando Iannucci's sharp eye for satire doesn't just stop at present-day politics, as *The Death of Stalin* is an exceptional comedy that delights in seeing powerful, morally-questionable people scrabble about for power and do whatever they can to take it. The cast are sublime, the gag rate is fast, the success rate near-perfect; *The Death of Stalin* is an absolutely majestic film. *Essential viewing*.

SEE THIS IF YOU LIKED: *In The Loop* (2009), *Monty Python and The Holy Grail* (1975).

by GARETH JAMIESON
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Author Martina Cole entertains sold-out lunch club in Penarth

Mel Griffin of Griffin Books, Penarth, with Martina Cole.

AUTHOR Martina Cole recently visited the Vale, and provided an enjoyable talk at the Glamorganshire Golf Club, Penarth.

The event, arranged by Griffin Books, saw Martina provide an interesting insight into her upbringing, family, books and the characters within them, with fans of her work, including two familiar faces from The GEM, attending and enjoying a wonderful lunch.

Martina's new book, Damaged, is out now.

Martina with Wendy (left) and Jan (centre) of The GEM.

Do you want to see your waterworks?

EVER wanted to see where your wastewater ends up? Want to entertain the kids during the school half term?

Welsh Water is to show how they keep people healthy and the environment clean and curious local residents will get the chance to tour their local community works.

On Friday, November 3 Welsh Water will be opening its treatment works in the Vale of Glamorgan to local residents. The event aims to show people the crucial role the works plays in protecting public health and keeping the local environment clean and safe.

Members of the public can visit Cog Moors Treatment Works in Cardiff Road, Dinas Powys (CF64 4TR) between 10am and 2pm to see what the company does to keep things flowing freely. Guided tours of the works can be pre-booked by emailing Welsh Water on YourCommunityTreatmentWorks@dwrcymru.com

Welsh Water is also taking this opportunity to ask its three million customers to help prevent sewer flooding to their homes and local communities by changing their behaviour when it comes to what they flush down their toilets and rinse down their sinks.

Blocked sewers are a major problem which costs Welsh Water over £7 million a year to clear.

They cause huge human misery, and every year flood hundreds of homes and businesses and can pollute rivers, beaches and the wider environment.

Welsh Water deals with over 2,000 sewer blockages every month and the majority of these blockages are caused by everyday items put down the toilet such as wet wipes, sanitary towels and cotton buds, as well as fat, oil and grease that people put down their drains.

For safety reasons:

• all visitors must wear sensible footwear

• children under the age of six years will not be allowed to take part in a site tour.

Find out more about the Let's Stop the Block campaign at Dwrcymru.com.

AM calls for Service Pupil Premium

CAROLINE JONES, a regional AM for South Wales West, is calling on the Welsh Government to introduce a Service Pupil Premium (SPP) for the children of HM Armed Forces' servicemen and women.

The SPP, which is currently only available to children in England and Northern Ireland, is extra funding for schools to support children and young people with parents in the Armed Forces.

The SPP in England is currently £300 per pupil and in Northern Ireland it stands at £408.88 for primary pupils and £410.49 for post-primary pupils.

Ms Jones commented: "It can be difficult for children with parents in the Armed Forces. Many have to change schools when a parent is redeployed, which affects happiness and school performance.

"Let's acknowledge the sacrifices of members of the Armed Forces in Wales by giving their children extra funding, as they do in England and Northern Ireland."

There is a 'Pupil Deprivation Grant' in Wales, however this does not relate specifically to children of Armed Forces' personnel.

A Welsh Government spokesperson said: "Our 'national mission' is to make sure every child has the opportunity to succeed no matter what their background.

"We have written to the Secretary of State for Defence to ensure that service children and young people can continue to receive the help and support in school that they need."

Does this affect you? Write to editorial@glamorgan-gem.co.uk.

Local farmer champions Welsh produce in new cookbook

Jacob Anthony.

A GLAMORGAN farmer has championed Welsh food by featuring in a new NFU cookbook titled *Countryside Kitchen: Farm, Food, Fork*.

NFU Cymru member Jacob Anthony, a beef, sheep and arable farmer from Glamorgan, features in the book alongside farmers and growers from around the country who show where the the UK's food comes from.

With 77 recipes that use only British seasonal ingredients, the recipe book celebrates the produce grown by British farmers and highlights the importance of provenance.

Countryside Kitchen highlights how people can use great British seasonal produce in your cooking, while supporting farming and agriculture in the UK.

Countryfile presenter and farmer Adam Henson urges the public to reconnect with the British seasons in his foreword, and acknowledges the dedication and hard work of British farmers.

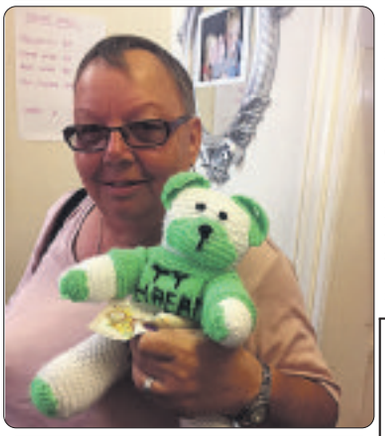
NFU Cymru regional director John Mercer said: "The Welsh public want to know the story of where their food comes from, how it's grown and raised and how they can support the nation's farmers. The NFU's *Countryside Kitchen* recipe book can reconnect readers with their food and give them an insight into the lives of the farmers who work so hard to put food on our tables.

"By cooking with seasonal British produce, the public are supporting British who are the backbone of our rural communities and stewards of our beautiful countryside.

"Food and farming is the bedrock of the UK's largest manufacturing sector, food and drink, an industry that contributes £109 billion to the economy and provides jobs for 3 million people."

Countryside Kitchen can be bought via the NFU Countryside website www.countrysideonline.co.uk for £15.95 plus P&P.

Legacy fund aims to 'help families through hard times'



THE 'Elis Rose Legacy Fund' held its first event to raise money to buy a 'cuddle cot' and 'heart in their hands' for Ty Hafan by October 2018.

The Fund's first event saw Morgan's Hair Salon, Cowbridge, hold a fundraising evening, when ladies from all over the Vale were welcomed.

There were stall holders selling handmade gifts, treatments, raffle tickets were bought and cake was eaten.

Huge thanks and appreciation goes to all the many, local businesses, including Morgans, who supported the fund and donated raffle prizes. The total raised so far is an amazing £1,229.

The Legacy Fund was founded by Elis Rose's parents, Vikki and Alun Williams, from St Athan. Elis Rose sadly passed away in March 2010 aged 16 months.

Their aim is to buy a piece of equipment called a 'cuddle cot' which would give families time to say goodbye to their child the way they want to.

They also hope to raise funds for memory key rings called 'Heart in Their Hands,' so families can have a keepsake when their child passes away.

Once the fund reaches its target, they will set new goals to help more families in any way they can.

For more information or to help fundraise, contact Vikki at huntvikki@hotmail.com or if you would like to donate directly, the account details are: sort code 52-30-03 account number 30180295. All help and donations will be gratefully received.

Keep your dog at ease during the 'firework season'

DOGS Trust Bridgend, is urging dog owners to build a 'doggy den' in their homes in a bid to make dogs feel safe and secure during an often terrifying time for their four legged friends.

Experts from the Pen-y-Fai-based rehoming centre recognise that firework season, which includes Bonfire night, Hallowe'en and New Year's Eve is often a very stressful time for both dog and owner due to the unusual sights, smells and exceptionally loud noises, which often surprise dogs during the evening hours when they are settling down to sleep.

Angela Wetherall, rehoming centre manager at Dogs Trust Bridgend explains how creating a safe environment can help: "Many of us enjoy the experience of fireworks but for our dogs it's often a terrifying experience.

"Dogs have approximately four times more sensitive hearing than us, and also have a more extensive range of hearing – they can hear much higher frequency sounds than we can – so just imagine how loud a firework bang is for a dog.

"The smells and flashing light of fireworks are also unusual for dogs. Fireworks tend to be sudden, unpredictable and bright, this cocktail of effects can often have a profoundly negative impact on dogs.

"One tip we have for concerned dog owners is to create a dog den, a haven where dogs can feel safe and secure. The den should be built away from hubbub of the family home, somewhere quiet where the dog can rest peacefully.

"This will very much be a safe space for the dog, but they should be able to move in and out of the den freely. Making it as cosy and snug as possible is a must but Fenton should be able to see out of the den should he wants to.

"Concerned owners should seek veterinary advice before fireworks night if their dogs are very scared or panic due to fireworks."

Dogs Trust staff will also be going the extra mile to make the dogs in their care feel as comfortable as possible during firework season.

Top tips on creating a dog den:

Use an indoor dog crate or chairs and/or a table covered in blankets to create the safe space – using blankets over the top will help muffle the bangs.

Fill the den with soft blankets, pillows and a few familiar items that smell of your dog to make him feel comfortable, a few items smelling of their owner would be a bonus.

Make sure your dog has access to clean drinking water in their den, a non-slip bowl would be an advantage to avoid spills.

Add some of their favourite toys to the den; they have positive associations with them so will help them feel at ease.

Keep a radio or the TV playing as this will help to mask the sounds of the fireworks outside.

Dogs Trust has created a video demonstrating the best way to build a doggy den, which you can view on the website and read more about our fireworks advice.

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Cowbridge Choral performs *Requiem*

A LARGE, valiant, audience defied the best that Storm Brian could offer to attend a performance of Verdi's *Requiem* in the Llantrisant Leisure Centre on October 21.

The concert was given by Pontypridd and Cowbridge augmented Choral Societies, together with the Rhondda Symphony Orchestra, conducted by Jeff Ryan.

The four soloists were Camilla Roberts, soprano (who kindly stepped in to the breach when the original soloist became unavailable), Joanne Thomas, mezzo soprano; Geraint Dodd, tenor, and Michael Dewis, bass. Profits from the concert will go to supporting the essential work of Ty Hafan.

The Requiem was first performed in 1874 in Milan under the direction of the composer, in memory of the Italian poet Manzoni whom Verdi admired. The piece is probably best know for the terrifying (and instantly recognizable) 'Dies Irae' that introduces the traditional sequence of the Latin funeral rite that is repeated throughout.

Trumpets produce a call to judgement in the 'Tuba Mirum', and the almost oppressive atmosphere of the 'Rex Tremendae' creates a sense of unworthiness before the King of Tremendous Majesty.

Yet the well-known tenor solo Ingemisco radiates hope for the sinner who asks for the Lord's mercy.

The Sanctus (a complicated eight-part fugue scored for double chorus) begins with a brassy fanfare to announce him 'who comes in the name of the Lord'.

Finally the 'Libera Me', the oldest music by Verdi in the *Requiem*, interrupts. Here the soprano cries out, begging, 'Deliver me, Lord, from eternal death... when you will come to judge the world by fire.'

With a full orchestra, and over 100 singers the concert gave a rousing rendition of the work and the very appreciative audience clapped all participants long and hard at the conclusion.

Phil Glanville

Library film night offers 'a varied programme'

THE Llantwit Library's Film Nights are nothing if not diverse.

October's offering, as befitted the nation-wide commemoration of Jane Austen's death, was the 2005 production of *Pride and Prejudice*.

It was greatly enjoyed, though there was much discussion afterwards about the arrogant yet attractive Mr Darcy and, indeed, whether Colin Firth or Laurence Olivier had better fulfilled the role in previous versions.

A world away from the concept of true love in late 18th century England, this month's film, *Arrival*, is set in the America - one reviewer has said that it '... delivers a must-see experience for fans of the thinking person's sci-fi.'

We are promised heady themes of genuinely affecting emotion as we follow the story of a young woman racing against time to take a chance that could threaten not only her own life but the very existence of humanity itself.

It bodes well to be a completely absorbing story so join us at 7.30pm on Tuesday, November 7 and be prepared to be caught up in the excitement.

Don't forget to make sure of your seat, either by dropping in to the library in person or ringing 01446 792700 beforehand.

MARI GRIFFITH

NSPCC trip

THE St Hilary NSPCC committee has organised a pre-Christmas coach trip to Bath on Sunday, December 3.

Enjoy a day out in this beautiful, historical city with its Christmas market, shops and restaurants. A visitor's pack will be available. The coach leaves Cowbridge Town Hall at 8.30am with a pick-up at Culverhouse Cross at 8.45am, and leaves Bath at 4.30pm.

Contact Ewa Thomas on 01446 771728 or ewathomas@btinternet.com if you would like a ticket (£15).

Back to the '50s for Bontfaen WI

SEPTEMBER saw Bontfaen WI host the link meeting, when members from Llanblethian, Penllyne and Ystradowen WIs were guests.

Members were entertained by John Sheen, who took us on a nostalgic journey back to his childhood in Port Talbot during the 1950s. Many in the hall were transported back, seeing so many reminders of their own childhoods.

After refreshments, there was a quiz and members were asked to bring memorabilia from that time. A great time was had by all.

At the October meeting, the group was shown a wonderful display of seasonal ceramics by Rose of Rose Ceramics.

She was ably helped by her husband, Mike, who painstakingly cut out the windows for the churches and cottages and inserted the lights for the Christmas trees.

Forthcoming events will be a trip to Bristol on November 25 for the Christmas markets; the Christmas Party is on December 14 and the meal at The Bear Hotel on Thursday, January 4.

Next month, Rosemary Challoner will speak about nurses on the Front Line during World War One on Thursday, November 16 in the Lesser Hall at 8pm; visitors are welcome. **AS**

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INSPIRATIONAL CHRISTMAS DINING

FESTIVE PARTY 'Be Drink Aware' WARNING

CHRISTMAS parties – whether a business get together or a social event – are there to be enjoyed, but sensible, forward planning can ensure there are no negative consequences after the event!

The drink awareness charity, Drinkaware (*www.drinkaware.co.uk*) has a number of tips which encourage revellers to drink responsibly and make the most of the office party.

The charity quotes the example of a 'Roger', 36-year-old manager of a computer company. In the past he's dreaded having to organise his firm's annual bash.

Roger said: "Some of my co-directors have been in business since the 1970s, when all-day drinking was considered the point of any Christmas party,

"They used to order constant rounds and everyone else had to keep up. By about seven o'clock we all felt completely trashed."

After too many hungover telephone calls to restaurants apologising for the previous night's behaviour (and trying to locate lost coats and handbags) Roger decided to ring the changes.

He said: "These days I try and make sure that there's plenty of mineral water available on the tables for everyone and that people don't feel pressured to order alcohol.

"Most staff still enjoy a drink, but it does help calm everything down."

Alcohol-free options

The good news is that soft drinks are no longer seen as an unsophisticated option. With upmarket organic lemonade and cola, plus a wide range of alcohol-free cocktails increasingly available, taking a breather from the wine, beer or spirits does not have to be boring.

Alternating alcohol with softer options helps you make the most of the night ahead.

Non-alcoholic drinks keep you hydrated and ensure that you are still partying when others have long since flaked out.

He added: "One of the things I've realised is that pacing yourself is important.

"If you slow down with the wine, you get to enjoy a proper chat with people you might not have really spoken to all year."

PARTY TIPS:

Eat before the party – You're on a road to nowhere if you decide to swap dinner for a couple of drinks, as it gives the alcohol a head-start on your system.

To slow down the effects eat a meal (preferably with carbohydrates like pasta or bread) and grab some nibbles once the party starts.

Find out how much is too much – Government guidelines recommend men stick to three to four units of alcohol (that's two pints of beer or four single vodkas) per day, while for women it's two to three units (one 175ml glass of wine or three single vodkas).

Watch out for over-generous party measures that mean you end up drinking more than you'd really like.

Plan your journey home – Don't leave yourself vulnerable on the way back from the party. Either organise a lift from a non-drinking friend, or split a taxi with work colleagues that takes you straight to your door.

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LET OUR LOCAL VENUES TAKE THE FESTIVE STRAIN...

Why not party out of the office this Christmas?

IT may still seem some way off, but the truth is that there are only 60 days remaining until Christmas.

The office party is, of course, something of a festive tradition, as staff are rewarded for a year of hard work with a rare chance to let their hair down (with the qualified approval of the boss!)

But planning it can be a very stressful assignment for those staff members handed the onerous task of organising an office get-together that is fraught with pitfalls for the unwary.

There is so much to plan and consider, all subject to scrutiny from on high; not least the catering on a tight budget, choosing suitable music and entertainment and transforming the workplace environment into a venue fit for the festive occasion; all the while praying that nothing will go wrong and no tipsy revellers disgrace themselves on the day to incur the ire of the boss!

Why not cut out all the stress and anxiety at a stroke and let the professionals take the strain – by celebrating outside the office this year?

Not a street party, the weather won't be very accommodating. But with a whole host of fine dining, pub food, cocktail bars and entertainment venues spread throughout the Vale of Glamorgan and Bridgend county borough, the choice really is limitless.

Christmas parties can be as grandiose or as laid back and informal as staff like. Whether it's just a few drinks, snacks, and the exchanging of gifts, or a formal dinner with live entertainment, the Vale has something for your company.

So give yourself one less problem to think about and book a local venue for your Christmas party...

Let the professionals take the weight off your shoulders, and do all the worrying for you.

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‘Schnauzerfest 2017’ hailed a success

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QUITE literally dozens of people brought their Schnauzers to Barry Island recently for ‘Schnauzerfest 2017’, and the breed in all its colours, shapes and sizes, which are Miniature, Standard and Giant, was on display under clear skies.

Roll on Schnauzerfest 2018!

CALL FOR NEW LAW TO PROTECT EMERGENCY SERVICES STAFF

SOUTH Wales Police and Crime Commissioner, Alun Michael, has added his support to calls for MPs to back a new law with stronger sentences for those who assault emergency services workers while on duty.

On October 20, a Private Members Bill drafted by Rhondda MP Chris Bryant went before Parliament seeking to protect paramedics, nurses, firefighters, police and other 999 staff who are abused, attacked or spat at while carrying out their work.

According to information from the Police Federation of England and Wales (PFEW), attacks against police officers are ‘unacceptably high’: one every 15 seconds according to latest estimates.

In June this year, figures released by South Wales Fire and Rescue Service (SWFRS) detailed a 158 per cent increase in the number of attacks against its crews in the last 12 months. Crews across the Service area have been victims of verbal and physical abuse, as well as having objects, including bricks and fireworks, thrown at them as they respond to incidents in local communities.

Further to the above, figures published in December 2016 illustrated that over 18,000 NHS staff in Wales were physically attacked at work over a period of five years and 11,000 were subjected to a verbal assault.

Prior to the second reading of the Bill in the House of Commons this week, Commissioner Alun Michael said: “Every hour of every day, the bravery, commitment and professionalism of police officers and emergency services staff across the United Kingdom ensures the safety and wellbeing of the public within their homes and communities. We, as a society, cannot deem assault to be an acceptable part of their job and instances have a very direct impact on service to the public – this can be particularly damaging for the trust between the police and community, which is at the heart of our model of policing.

“In south Wales, an average of nine officers are assaulted each week and around 11 officers will be absent from work as a result of recovering from injury through assault. That is unfair to those officers and as a result communities lose the contribution of these individuals who strive to keep them safe.

“Part of the problem comes from outside south Wales, for example an officer was stabbed in a drugs raid in the last month and this is indicative of drugs gang related violence which follows what police call ‘County Lines’.”

Speaking ahead of the second reading, Mr Bryant said: “I am urging every single MP to turn up to vote for this bill to protect the protectors it’s the least they deserve. It is already a specific offence to attack a police officer conducting their duties, but that provision is far too weak and has proved ineffective in protecting officers. Prosecutions are rare, sentences are extremely lenient, and there is still no legal protection for paramedics, doctors or nurses. What my poll shows is that my constituents and the country think it is high time to change the law.”

If passed, the Crime (Assaults on Emergency Staff) Bill would make attacks on emergency services workers such as police, fire and ambulance crews an aggravated offence.

What do GEM readers think? Is current legislation sufficient, or does the law need strengthening, and if so, why? The GEM is particularly keen to hear from emergency services or NHS employees.

Please write to editorial@glamorgan-gem.co.uk with your thoughts, enclosing your contact details.

Money too tight to mention?
TV COMPANY SEEKS LOCAL PEOPLE FOR NEW SHOW

CARDIFF based TV-production company Nimble Dragon is on the hunt for couples or families from the Vale and Bridgend to take part in a new daytime series for Channel 4.

A spokesperson for the company said: “We are looking to speak to people who have a specific savings goal in mind, but are struggling to afford it. This may be due to endless monthly bills, mounting credit card debt or forever splashing out on unnecessary luxuries.

“The savings goal could be anything special and personal to you – from a deposit on a house to a new car, a home renovation or a holiday.

“We have a professional money saving expert who will be able to offer expert guidance and teach tips and tricks to help people achieve their goals.”

If you would like to find out more information about the series or to register your interest, email the Nimble Dragon team on: money@nimbledragon.com.

Oh lucky you

FRIDAY the 13th was not so unlucky for one of Dogs Trust Bridgend’s residents that became the 600th dog to find a home on what superstitious people consider to be an unlucky day, or those in the throes of paraskevidekatriaphobia dread.

Five-year-old greyhound, Trixie, arrived at the Pen-y-Fai rehoming centre in September 2017 began a new life with her new owner, Christine Chave from Bridgend, on Friday the 13th.

Angela Wetherall, rehoming centre manager at Dogs Trust Bridgend, said: “The team are delighted to have found new homes for so many dogs already this year.”

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SUSAN'S SUNSETS ARE TO DIE FOR

SUSAN DOBBS captured these sunset images recently, which are a contrast to the clouds of ex-Hurricane Ophelia photographed above Bryncethin.

You can see more of Sue's work on http://susandobbsphotography.co.uk

Spic and span at Aberthaw

Staff and volunteers helped to tidy up the nature reserve.

THE Aberthaw Power Station team is always willing to lend a hand in local community activities, especially when it involves the environment.

Teams from the power station took part in two events to clean up areas on the local land and shoreline recently.

More than 50 volunteers faced the cold to come together to support and protect the biodiversity within the reserve. Everyone left their regular jobs and were put to work to get the site ready for autumn and winter.

The volunteers came from Aberthaw Power Station, Valeways, Welsh Government, Natural Resources Wales, The Wildlife Trust, Waitrose and site contractor Noonan, and joined by locals.

The teams were split up to tackle some of the more challenging tasks, including path restoration to improve access to visitors, invasive sea buckthorn trees were removed and a ditch was cleared of overgrown weeds to encourage insects for the native birds.

A major sweep for litter and debris was also carried out on the adjacent shingle beach and sand dunes, and graffiti was painted over on the sea wall.

East Aberthaw Nature Reserve is owned by Aberthaw Power Station and located to the east of the site. The area contains a saline lagoon, one of only four in Wales and home to a unique habitat for local animals, flora and fauna. Regular guided walks are held on the site throughout the seasons, led by the Wildlife Trust. The management of the reserve is in done in conjunction with the Wildlife Trust, which recommends the tasks and advises on the importance of maintaining the different areas.

In addition, power station staff took time out of their day to recently complete a beach clean. The 12-strong team collected 14 bags and two tyres in two hours. The team was supporting Keep Wales Tidy as part of its 'Be Tidy' campaign that ran through the whole of September.

Richard Little, Aberthaw Power Station manager said: "It is important that staff support these local events, as many live in the local area. Our station is a large part of the local environment and we will do all we can to protect and preserve local ecosystems and biodiversity. We would like to thank everyone who has supported the conservation day and who has attended the guided nature walks across the summer."

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Two tyres and 14 bags of rubbish were collected during the beach clean.

'Welsh Government must stop passing the buck' says AM

THE Welsh Government must take responsibility for its failure to provide a fairer funding settlement for the Vale, South Wales Central AM Andrew RT Davies has said.

The draft Local Government Settlement includes plans for the Vale's funding to be cut by 0.4 per cent next year despite calls for the area to receive a fairer slice of the cake.

The UK Government's new fiscal framework guarantees that at least £1.20 will be spent in Wales for every £1 spent in England and Mr Davies said this was a "clear sign" the blame for poor public services rested with Cardiff Bay.

Mr Davies said: "Welsh Government Ministers last year enthusiastically welcomed a new funding settlement from Westminster, which guarantees at least 20 per cent more funding for Wales.

"Despite this, the Vale is seeing its budget cut yet again and the reason for this is simple – poor management of public finances by the Welsh Government.

"Sadly, instead of tackling the problems head on, they've decided to pass the buck. I'm certainly not advocating tax rises, but the Welsh Government now have the tools to raise more money.

"If they cannot manage our finances properly they should be the ones who take responsibility.

"Instead, they've tried to let someone else deal with their incompetence.

"It's not fair that council tax payers in the Vale should have to suffer because ministers cannot get a grip of the situation."

Malmo Hearing joins mission to Armenia

MALMO HEARING audiologists based in Bridgend and Newport, are on a mission to Armenia to provide technology and expertise to people in need.

It is the first time a UK team has fitted devices in an overseas mission as part of the worldwide Starkey Foundation initiative, run by manufacturer Starkey Hearing Technologies. The foundation has provided over 1.9 million hearing devices in more than 100 countries.

Jakub Wiatr, office manager and hearing aid technician from Malmo Hearing, has flown to Yerevan to join 10 other hearing professionals and a seven-strong Starkey team from the UK head office.

The trip will provide the actual fitting of the hearing instruments, counselling and aftercare, working closely with a local medical team.

Jakub said the mission will be one of the most worthwhile things he has ever been involved in: "Meeting the people of Yerevan and those trying to help them on the ground will be a truly humbling and inspiring experience.

"I am really looking forward to this next stage where we will be able to actually fit the devices and 'gift' better hearing to people who really need it."

Providing access to hearing care opens up a whole new world of opportunity. It connects individuals to life and helps them accomplish more than they ever thought possible.

"Hearing aids help bridge the gap at school, work and life for children and adults with hearing loss and the Foundation works to empower the people it helps toward a better life and knowing how they too can improve the lives of others.

By freely sharing expertise and time, Jakub aims to help establish an ongoing community based hearing service in Yerevan.

According the World Health Organisation, more than 360 million people have disabling hearing loss, with the greatest number living in developing countries. Less than three per cent can afford hearing aids or access to care.

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Jakub Wiatr from Malmo Hearing is taking 'the gift of hearing' to Armenia.

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AM launches Ethics Fellowship to honour Rhodri Morgan

Included in the photo are Jane Hutt AM, Prof Roy Thomas of Kidney Wales, Prof Ceri Phillips (Head of College of Human and Health Sciences at Swansea University) with Colin and Betty Burgess of Barry.

ON October 18, Vale AM Jane Hutt hosted the launch of The Rhodri Morgan Life Ethics Fellowship in memory of the work of former First Minister Rhodri Morgan.

It started the ethical debates with Kidney Wales when Wales became the first country in the UK to introduce an 'opt out' system for organ donation.

Funded by Kidney Wales with the College of Human and Health Sciences of Swansea University and Wales Kidney Research Unit, the Fellowship offers an opportunity to investigate ethics involving paediatric organ donation, transplantation and dialysis.

It is open to anyone living or working in Wales and offers an opportunity to travel to regions such as North America and South Africa.

Ms Hutt said: "The Fellowship is a wonderful way to remember Rhodri and his commitment to organ donation. He was a Patron of Kidney Wales and attended the Cardiff Walk for Life and many Kidney Wales events as an MP and an AM. He took a great interest in the law on deemed consent.

"It is important to reflect that back in those early days we were constantly being challenged about the proposed legislation. There was much debate and scrutiny of the Bill but in that process hearts and minds were changed.

"As Wales prepares to mark two years of deemed consent, it is encouraging to see that England is keen to follow our lead.

"Organ donors provide an important gift to many people, who without their help would not have had the chance to live a full and healthy life.

"That is why I'm glad that Colin and Bet Burgess from Barry in my constituency, who have been personally involved in organ donation have been able to join us – they have been allies of ours throughout the organ donation debate in Wales."

Prof Roy Thomas of Kidney Wales said: "We are delighted to be launching this Fellowship. The discussions on organ donation were the largest bioethical debates in the UK.

"Devolution provided an opportunity for Welsh people from the Church to the Media to discuss life ethics. This Fellowship in Rhodri's name allows us to continue important ethical debates."

YOUTH CIRCUS PERFORMS AT CARDIFF AIRPORT

SOUTH Wales business and arts communities gathered recently in a unique setting to see a spectacular one-off performance by Organised Kaos Youth Circus.

Art @ the Airport is the latest in a series of events by Arts & Business Cymru.

The terminal was brought to life with a performance called COCH, specially devised by the contemporary circus company for Art @ the Airport. It depicted an aerial interpretation of the Welsh myth of the battle between the white and red dragons.

Deb Barber, CEO of Cardiff Airport, said: "As a national asset we love nothing more than opening our doors to events as unique as this.

"We're always delighted to be able to offer our surroundings to celebrate and nurture the Welsh arts industry. Arts & Business Cymru is an excellent organisation that brings businesses together in a new and exciting way."

Arts & Business Cymru chief executive Rachel Jones added: "By taking performance into unusual settings across Wales, we aim to make the arts truly inclusive and accessible to all.

"Huge thanks are due to all at Cardiff Airport for their vision and support in allowing us to take over their terminal in such a creative way! Many congratulations to Organised Kaos for producing such an incredible, inspiring performance."

Valeways guided walks

ON Sunday, October 29 meet at the Plough and Harrow pub in Monknash at 10.30am for a 'Monks and the Millennium' walk.

On Tuesday, October 31 at 7pm a Hallowe'en walk in Dinas Powys; meet at St Peter's Church, Mill Road and bring a torch.

On Wedensday, November 1 the Coffee Shop Strollers meet at the Romilly Cafe on Cold Knap, Barry at 10.30am. Cowbridge Coffee Shop Strollers meet the same day at 2.30pm at the Physic Garden Fountain in Cowbridge.

On Thursday, November 2 the Secondary Breast Cancer Strollers meet at 10.30am outside the visitor centre at Cosmeston Country Park.

Sunflowers still growing!

Sunflowers with 6'2" garden gnome, sent in by Haydn Jenkins of Aberthin.

S4C's 'Legends' series starts with the story of Gelert

On location in Snowdonia.

A CAPTIVATING take on the Gelert story by a Penarth-bred director who now lives and works in Los Angeles will open S4C's season of programmes on the 'Legends' theme.

One of Wales' most famous legends about man's best friend can now be enjoyed in a captivating film which takes us back to the medieval era which inspired the stirring Gelert story.

There's no story quite like it and the 15 minute short, *Beddgelert* (translation: *Gelert's Grave*), is a fresh but realistic interpretation of the famous story about Prince Llywelyn the Great's faithful dog.

The film *Beddgelert*, written and directed by the internationally-acclaimed film director Medeni Griffiths, will be premiered on S4C on Wednesday, November 1 at 7.35pm, as part of the S4C *Chwedlau – Legends* – season.

The *Legends* season, broadcast to coincide with Visit Wales' Year of Legends, also includes the premiere of classical work Rhys and Meinir by Super Furry Animals' Cian Ciaran, a documentary about rugby legend Gareth Edwards, a show about the Top 10 Pobol y Cwm legends, a poll to pick Wales' legendary bravest dog, a zany kids' re-telling of the Mabinogi and the launch of the Chwedloni website packed with 50 Welsh people's real-life stories.

Shot on location in the Dolwyddelan area, Snowdonia, the Beddgelert film's tragic main characters are Prince Llywelyn the Great (portrayed by Andrew Howard) and his late wife Siwan (Catherine Ayers).

We hear language that takes inspiration from the language that would have been spoken at the time of the Welsh prince's reign in the 12th and 13th centuries. On-screen subtitles are provided in modern Welsh.

Medeni Griffiths, known for her imaginative and engaging directing style in films such as *Summit*, brings in new themes to add depth and colour to the well-known tale to be forever remembered at the famous burial stone in the picturesque Snowdonia village.

Medeni said: "Since I was a child, I've always loved the story of Beddgelert and even though many people see it as a tragic tale, I wanted to make something that had a glimmer of hope at the end for this character and his son; they have a future together. It's a tearjerker, but I hope people also find it magical and inspiring."

Produced by Benjamin Jenkins, the film also stars Rupert Bradfield as Llywelyn's son Dafydd, and Fern as Gelert.

With award-winning composer Ceiri Torjussen writing the score and Alys Bevan behind the costume direction, this Bad Wolf production is one of a number of short films commissioned by Ffilm Cymru Wales and the BFI NET.WORK's Beacons in a scheme for encouraging emerging filmmakers.

Beddgelert will air on Wednesday, November 1 at 7.35pm. On-screen Welsh subtitles. On demand: s4c.cymru; BBC iPlayer and other platforms

For details of the rest of the *Legends* season, visit S4C.cymru

Living Well With Arthritis

A NEW Living Well with Arthritis Support Group has started in Barry at Age Connects Cardiff and Vale Senior Health Shop, 38 Holton Road, Barry. The next session is on Tuesday, November 7 from 1.30pm to 4pm.

Contact 01446 732385 or May, the coordinator, on 07711 369456 for further information, or just come along.

Gymnasts on top form

Photograph by Jason Aspinall, Chilled Photography Ltd.

TORRENTIAL rain did little to dampen the enthusiasm of youngsters from Penarth Gymnastics Club when they travelled to Aberdare for the Welsh South Central Area Preliminary Championships.

Gymnasts were required to perform set work on three gymnastic apparatus.

In the large entry of six and seven-years event, Esme Spencer was awarded second place on Trampette, Nevaeh Goodrich took sixth Trampette, fourth Vault, fifth on Floor and second overall while the scores of Lucy Aspinall were high enough to see the girls mount the rostrum to take first place overall as a team.

Carly Thurlbert, Maddison Weir, Ava Overton, Lily-Rose Mattison and Annie Isherwood also placed first in the nine and 10-year team event.

Carly was first on Vault, second on Trampette, third on Floor and overall champion. Ava took first on Floor and third overall. Maddison was awarded third Vault medal.

Lilly-Mae Salmon was awarded second place in the 11 and 12-year Vault event.

Two boys from our gym also showed their gymnastic skills. Emrys Bowen placed second on Trampette and Floor, sixth for his Vaults and third overall, while his brother Maurice in the 11 and 12-year events became the proud winner of four bronze medals.Ava, Carly, Emrys and Maurice all qualified for Gymspire All Wales Finals in Ebbw Vale, being held on October 29.

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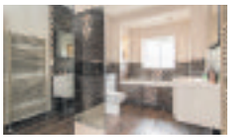

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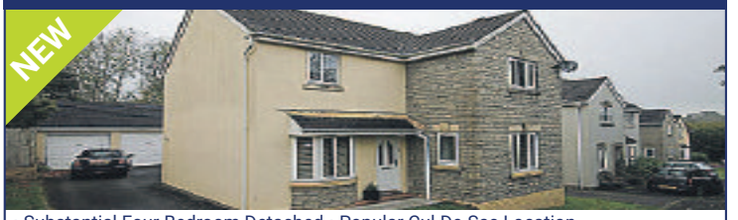

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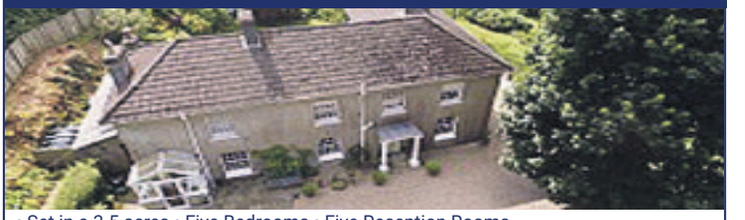

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Hugh drives into top golf form

Caddie Geoff Davies with winner Hugh Williams caddie Griff Morgan, runner-up Geraint Davies and match referee, the limping David Williams.

THE final of the Nipper Jewell knockout competition, organised for members of the Glamorgan Farmers' Golf Society, was played last week on the Button course at Cottrell Park.

Taking part were society president Geraint Davies and Hugh Williams, both very good golfers, playing off their society handicaps of 13 and both worthy finalists.

The standard of golf over the opening holes was quite exceptional and it was no surprise that after eight holes the match was all square.

It was at this point that retired schoolteacher Hugh Williams, following stern advice from his 8-handicap caddie Geoff Davies, moved into overdrive and what followed was an exhibition of how golf should be played.

Hitting a six iron into the 166 yard par-3 hole ninth green to leave his ball just two feet from the pin for a birdie was followed with a brilliant par on the stroke index two 374-yard 10th hole to go 2 up.

Three putting on the 503 yard par-5 11th hole to halve the hole provided just a little respite for opponent Geraint.

Continuing to play outstanding golf over the closing holes Hugh finally sealed victory when making par at the 345-yard par-4 15th hole to win by 4 & 3.

Congratulations to new champion High Williams and commiseration to runner-up Geraint Davies and also to his caddie Griff Morgan. Hopefully Griff has not lost too much sleep after negotiating a 'no win – no fee' agreement.

Both players and caddies were full of praise for the superb condition of the course, especially the greens and all credit to greenkeepers Paul Morgan and Dan Jarvis.

It is no surprise that Cottrell Park Golf Resort, with its two Championship courses, is rapidly gaining the reputation of being the 'home of golf'.

A perfect location for the final of such a prestigious trophy presented to the society by Mr Griff Morgan in memory of the late and legendary Mr Keith Jewell.

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Barry and District League Tables

THE latest results from Barry and District League Tables are as follows:

Crib Division 1:West End 7, West End Runaways 8, Moors Boys 8, Rhoose Social 7, Wyndham Cons 8, Cadoxton Cons 7.

League Table: West End Runaways 49; Wyndham Cons 48; Cadoxton Cons 47; Liberals 46; Rhoose Social 45; Moors Boys 41; West End 39.

Skittles Division 1: King William XII 5½, Rhoose Social B 1½; Rugby Club 7, Barry Town FC 0; Cambrian Flyers 3, Liberals A 4; Liberals C 5, Slammers 2; Barries Boys 2, Allsorts 5; West End D 6, Sea View B 1; Rhoose Social C 2, West End C 5.

League Table: Rugby Club 31.0; West End C 27.0; West End D 25.5; Rhoose Social B 23.5; Slammers 22.5; Allsorts 22.0; Rhoosters 20.5; King William XII 20.0; Rhoose Social A 18.0; Cambrian Flyers 17.0 Liberals C 16.5; Rhoose Social C 16.0; Liberals A 16.0; Sea View B 13.5; Barries Boys 10.0; Barry Town FC 9.0.

Snooker Division 1: Services Social B 3, Rhoose Social B 2, Savoy B 4, Penarth Cons A 1, Cadoxton Cons B 4, Liberators 1, Cadoxton Cons Z 1, Wyndham Cons A 4.

League Table: Harbour B 27, Cadoxton Cons Z 20, Savoy A 18, Cadoxton Cons B 18, Wyndham Cons A 18, Services Social B 16, Liberators 11, West End C 11, Rhoose Social B 10, Savoy B 10, Penarth Cons A 6.

Snooker Division 2: Cadoxton Misfits 3, West End B 2; Harbour A 3, Wyndham Cons D 2; Castle A 3, Cadoxton Cons A 2; Market Street C 3, Sully Sports A 2; West End A 1, Rhoose Social C 4; Penarth Cons B 2, Market Street B 3.

League Table: Rhoose Social C 24, Cadoxton Misfits 23; Wyndham Cons D 21, Market Street B 20; Market Street C 19, West End A 17; Penarth Cons B 16, Harbour A 16; Cadoxton Cons A 15, West End B 15; Sully Sports A 10, Castle A 9.

All league and cup fixtures and results at www. barryleagues. co.uk; Facebook: search for 'barry leagues'.

Judo pupils show off their Sunday morning moves

SULLY Budokan Judo Club held its October 2017 Primary and Junior Gradings on Sunday.

The grading was very well attended, The under-10 age group had the early morning slot, proving parents and children can get up early on Sunday mornings.

The *dojo* was very quiet with concentration and proved the younger members of the club had learned all the necessary syllabus and were very keen to show this to the examiners.

Esme Bennett achieved one red tab after only being with the club a few months, and Alfie Brazier-Evans excelled with three red tabs; Gabriel Ackland and Teilo Clawson one orange tab each, Harry Glover an exceptional two orange tabs followed by Taylor Colley-Driscoll with three orange tabs.

As the photograph shows, the primaries could not wait to show their parents their achievements - more results next week from the junior grading.

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Vale of Glamorgan Bridge Club

THE results for the Vale of Glamorgan Bridge Club for October 23 are as follows:

First, Marjorie Morris and Linda Pinnock, 59.79 per cent; second, Irene Thomas and Graham Jones, 57.92 per cent; third, Steve Burgoyne and John Evans, 55.63 per cent.

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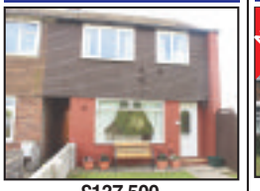
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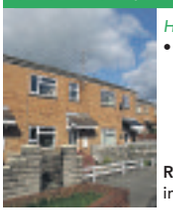

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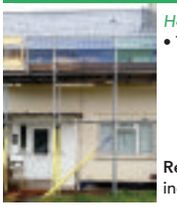

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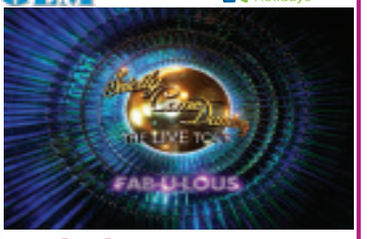

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Carol

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She will be dearly missed by all family and friends.

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Jill

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BELL
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Peter John

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God Bless You All.

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Keith Anthony

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Thank you also to all who attended the funeral service on Wednesday, 18th October and for all the kind messages and generous donations received.

A warm thank you to the Reverend David Boult for helping us through this very sad time. Special thanks to the Cowbridge Male Voice Choir for their time and beautiful singing. We would also like to thank Sue Evans and all the staff at the Manor House for everything they did for Keith.

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'Make a difference on October 28' urges AM

Andrew RT Davies is urging Vale residents to 'make a difference'

SOUTH Wales Central AM Andrew RT Davies is urging Vale residents to support Make a Difference Day.

The event, which takes place on October 28, encourages people to volunteer to help good causes in their area.

Ahead of the event, Mr Davies visited the Glamorgan Voluntary Services Volunteer Fayre in Barry and also met with Marie Curie volunteers from Penarth to discuss the work they do.

Mr Davies said: "Volunteers add so much to our communities, and many good causes would not be able to function without them. That's why I'm proud to support Make a Difference Day.

"It was great to have the chance to meet Marie Curie volunteers Enfys Jones and Sarah and Sian Higson to learn more about the great work they do.

"Having visited Marie Curie's Penarth Hospice several times, I know how invaluable it is to cancer sufferers and their families, so I'd urge you to get out there and make a difference on October 28."

Marie Curie counts on collection box volunteers

MARIE CURIE is appealing for local volunteers to help manage the charity's collection boxes in and around the Cardiff and Vale Hospice area.

The local Marie Curie fundraising team is seeking collection box co-ordinators to help look after boxes that are on display in shops, newsagents, chemists, pubs and doctors' surgeries and also place collection boxes in new locations.

Hannah Leckie, Marie Curie community fundraiser, said: "Helping Marie Curie by looking after collection boxes in the local area is a really easy and valuable way to support the charity. As a volunteer collection box co-ordinator, you'll help to raise vital money and awareness for Marie Curie."

"We're appealing for people who can ensure boxes are emptied regularly, the money is counted and banked and can also spot new opportunities to place boxes in the community.

"It's a great way to get involved with Marie Curie and the money raised from the boxes will help the Cardiff and Vale Hospice to provide vital care and support to people living with a terminal illness and their families, when they need it most."

Whether you're a seasoned fundraiser or a newcomer looking to get involved for the first time, the local Marie Curie fundraising office would love to hear from you.

To become a Marie Curie collection box co-ordinator you need to be aged 16 or over. For more information on how to get involved, contact Hannah Leckie on 02920 426 068. **MC**

Trading Standards advice

IF you wish to raise an issue related to Trading Standards, Age Connects Cardiff and Vale are holding a drop-in information session on Tuesday, November 7, from 10am to 12pm at the Senior Health Shop, 38 Holton Road, Barry.

No appointment is needed. Further information on 01446 732385.

Looking back with Brian Lee to 1956

LONG-TIME GEM columnist Brian Lee, with the help of his out of print The Races Came Off - The story of Point-To-Point Racing in South and West Wales, takes a look at what was happening during the 1956 Welsh hunt-racing season.

GREY FRIAR 11 v SYLVESTER 11

A feature of the 1956 season were the duels between the two greys, *Sylvester 11* and *Grey Friar 11*. The first time they met was at the Pentyrch where *Sylvester 11*, ridden by Miss Jean Nuttall, scored by two lengths from Mr Williams' *Greyfriar 11*, who was ridden by Miss Rose Walters (Rose Harry, as she became, and her husband Sid bred and trained many good point-to-pointers such as *Fitz, Havelotte* and *Ernie The Milk*).

A week later in a match between these two in the adjacent hunts' ladies' race at the Tredegar Farmers, *Grey Friar 11*, in receipt of 10lb, won by a short head.

When they met for the third time at the Glamorgan at Penllyn, *Sylvester 11* seemed to have his race won a hundred yards from the finish, but Rose Walters, riding for all she was worth, urged her mount on and won by a head. The crowd really appreciated the sight of these two horses battling out the finish, and both riders, were loudly applauded on returning to the paddock.

The following Saturday both *Sylvester 11* and *Greyfriar 11* found themselves in the winners' enclosure at the Llangibby at Penhow. *Sylvester 11* finished alone to take the members' race after his solitary rival failed to complete the course, and *Greyfriar 11* made it three wins in a row when comfortably accounting for Dark Island in the adjacent hunts' ladies' race.

The final meeting between these two came at the Llangeinor, at Penllyn, where *Sylvester 11* made a brave attempt to get back in the race after losing a lot of ground in the early stages.

But the danger, if any, to *Grey Friar 11* was the Carmarthenshire horse, *Llwyn Perion,* the only other runner, who eventually finished second with gallant old *Sylvester 11* taking third and last place.

So ended a remarkable season for the five-year-old *Grey Friar 11*. As for poor old *Sylvester 11*, now in his 13th year, his reign as the leading ladies' horse was sadly over.

At Pentyrch a crowd of nearly 10,000 were disappointed to find that only two horses, *Spurn Head* and *Sweet Nook*, had been declared to run in the men's open race. Not surprisingly the match resulted in a three lengths win for *Spurn Head*.

It was here that Colin Davies, later to become famous as the trainer of triple Champion Hurdle winner *Persian War*, rode his first winner on his *Lavender Green,* who landed the members' race by a distance.

In the adjacent hunts' race, *Stoney Bridge*, ridden by St Athan farmer's son Jim Thomas, gave five pounds and a beating to *Shan's Pet*.

Shan's Pet was ridden by Rhondda sheep farmer Tom Morgan later to become famous as the owner/trainer of Wales' most prolific point-to-point *Mandryka*, which was ridden by his daughter Shan.

Later, *Spurn Head* and Stoney Bridge brought honour to Wales when finishing first and second respectively in the Tredegar Hunters Chase at Chepstow Racecourse.

Please e-mail your stories/pictures to brianlee4@virginmedia.com or phone him on 02920736438.

The Vale of Glamorgan Football League news round-up

AS Storm Brian lashed the Vale, it did not deter the Vale league, with only one game postponed.

The big top-of-the-table clash finished all square as Barry Atheltic and St Athan played out a thrilling 3-3 draw in a true game of two halves.

Island Marine went third in the league as they dispatched Penarth Town 3-1.

Cowbridge Town suffered their fourth defeat of the season as Rhoose picked up their first league win since the opening day, winning by 2-1.

In Division One, leaders Sully Sports continued their surge at the top with a 5-3 win over Cardiff Airport.

SP Billy moved second as they defeated bottom side Cadoxton Imps 5-3, while Tynewydd dropped to fourth as Barry Saints stunned them 4-2 to pick up their second win of the season.

Cadoxton Athletic flew up the table to third as they romped to a 7-3 away win against Penarth Town B. Cogan Coronation made it two league wins on the bounce as they hit four goals past Cwm Talwg to no response.

In Division Two, Vale Madrid remained top with a 2-0 win over Barry Albion but Cadoxton Barry kept pace with the early leaders remaining level on points following a 3-0 triumph over Island Marine B.

BRT Dynamos went third after a thriller against St Athan B, Dynamos coming out 6-4 winners.

This week sees a full league programme and game of the day looks like being in Division Two as second-placed Cadoxton Barry face third-placed BRT Dynamos.

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Paul Merson's footballing return is curtailed by floodlight failure!

THE return to competitive football of Paul Merson at a match in south Wales had an unpredictable climax to it – the floodlights failed!

The former England and Arsenal star, now a venerable 49 years of age, is more often on Sky Sports these days than on the field of play.

But he agreed to play in a home fixture for Caerau against Pontyclun FC in Welsh League Division Three.

Caerau's secretary Dai Hooper was the man who persuaded Merson to make the trip down the M4.

Merson received a standing ovation when he left the pitch, but on 65 minutes, with Caerau 3-2 up, the floodlights failed and the match was abandoned.

It all begged the question as to whether the former Premiership star could be persuaded to make a return trip in the future with the hope of playing in a completed fixture.

TIM CHAPMAN

Tondu RFC under-13s coach Gareth Richards with Paul Merson.

'Hot shot' sport this half term

A VARIETY of 'hot shot' sport sessions are on offer to primary children this half term.

The sessions will take place over two days, from October 31-November 1, in Penarth, Cowbridge, and Barry leisure centres.

Suitable for boys and girls, school ages years one to six, children will have the chance to improve their football skills and take part in tournaments at the 5-a-side pitches at Colcot Sports centre.

"This is a great opportunity for children to keep active, stay healthy and try different sports during the half term break," said Sophie Wilkinson, active young people officer for the Vale Council.

To book a place on any of the sessions, email Sophie Wilkinson on slwilkinson@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk.

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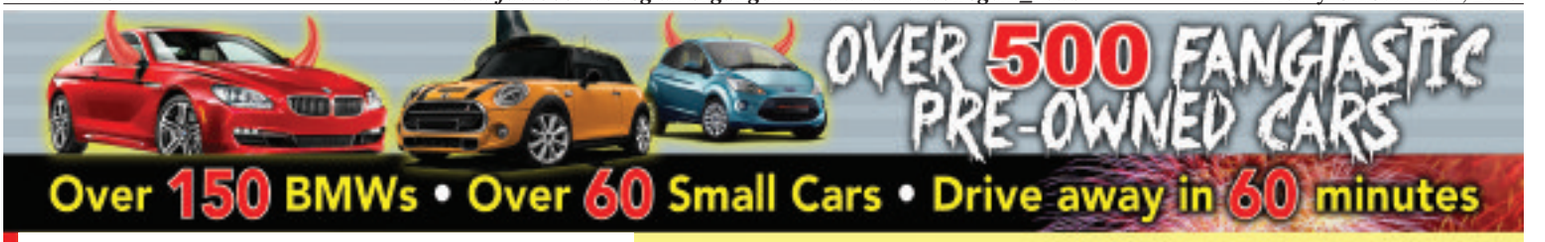

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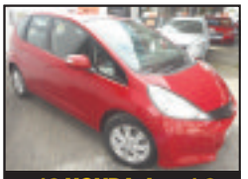

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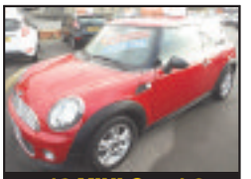

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New team starts with two wins

UWC Atlantic College has recently set up its own football club (ACFC) and have started the season with three games.

On Sunday, October 8, the club played against Cowbridge youth and won 12-1, which was very impressive for the new club.

On Thursday, October 12, they played against Stanwell School in Penarth, where they won 3-1 and on Monday, October 16, the team lost to Cardiff High, 6-1.

Scott Keeling, the club's coach, after the defeat said "It was a higher level of football - we played them for a reason to see how much we need to improve our game. As a team, we learned a lot."

Scott added the boys from Atlantic College Football Team played very well, supporting each other on and off the pitch.

Next the team will be playing Aberdare College in the Welsh Cup.

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Tim's 16-1 winner

***OFFICER Hoolihan*, a 16-1 chance, trained by Aberthin's Tim Vaughan and ridden by TJ O'Brien, landed the Weatherbys General Stud Book Online Chase (Novices' Limited Handicap) at Huntingdon on October 17.**

Off-course backers of the seven-year-old must have been surprised and delighted with the starting price of the winner as in most of the morning papers it was down as the forecast favourite.

However, the backers' choice was the runner-up *Agamemmon* which finished seven lengths behind at odds of 6-4 against.

Dovils Date's hat-trick

TWENTY-FOUR hours after saddling Huntingdon hurdles winner *Officer Hoolihan* at Huntingdon, Tim Vaughan was back in the winners' enclosure at Lingfield on Wednesday after his *Dovils Date*, a 14-1 chance, won his third flat race on the trot when beating the favourite *Stylish Dancer* by half-a-length in the Lingfield Park Gold Club Handicap over two miles.

Eight-year-old *Dovils Date* was partnered by Welsh jockey David Probert from Bargoed.

Evan's 164-1 Chepstow double

LLANCARFAN'S Evan Williams had plenty to smile about after landing a 164-1 double at Chepstow earlier this month

After winning the £12,996 Paul Ferguson's *Jumpers To Follow* Handicap Hurdle with 10-1 chance Silver Streak he took the next race on the card, the big race of the day, the £28,475 Totepool Silver Trophy Handicap Hurdle with *Court Minstrel*, winner of the race two years ago, and owned by the Vale's Janet Davies.

Silver Streak won by four-and-a-half lengths from the favourite *Dolus* and *Court Minstrel*, at 10 the oldest horse in the race, got home by half-a-length from *Sam Spinner*.

Both winners were given brilliant rides by Mitchell Bastyan who is proving an excellent replacement for stable jockey Paul Moloney who hung-up his riding boots earlier this year.

Gymnasts' impressive medal haul at Poole

PENARTH Gymnastics Men's Disability members for under-21s and over-21s cleaned up the medals at the Poole Open Disability Competition, taking 14 out of the 15 available to them.

The competition started at 9am Sunday with the under-21 level one gymnasts, David Melly, who travels twice a week from Cardiff, and Daffyd Williams, who travels from Chepstow, each week to train at Penarth Gymnastics Centre, the first apparatus being vault with David Melly putting in an excellent routine which saw him receive the gold medal.

Daffyd Williams took the silver medals in parallel bars while David Melly took the top spot with an excellent performance with Daffyd Williams following closely behind with a silver. In the floor, once again David put in another excellent routine to receive his third gold medal of the competition, with Daffyd Williams following in 3rd position.

Then we moved on to the afternoon our over-21s, with all three gymnasts being from Barry. The first apparatus was floor which saw Gareth Lloyd take the gold with a good clean performance, Kiaran Parsons silver and James Savory came in third place.

The vault was won by Gareth Lloyd, James Savory taking the silver and Kiaran Parson finishing in fourth place.

The final apparatus was the parallel bars, Gareth Lloyd taking all three gold medals on offer in the competition, while Kiaran Parson received the silver.

James Savory, after falling from the apparatus, remounted the bars to receive a bronze medal in another closely-fought round.

These three men consistently change places on every apparatus at every competition they attend and there was no exception to that here, very well done all.

We now return to the Penarth Gymnastics Centre, Palmeston Estate, Barry to train for the next competition under the watchful eye of club leader Gywnedd Lingard.

If anyone is interested in taking part in disability artistic gymnastics, please contact Jeff Savory via: penarthgymnasticsclub @gmail.com or 0780 316 5581.

Pictured above, left to right, are: Daffyd Williams James Savory, Gareth Lloyd, David Melly and Kiaran Parsons.

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Barrivale Bridge Club results

THE results for the Barrivale Bridge Club session on the October 17 are as follows:

The winners of the ladies' and men's pairs were Mark Roderick & Mike Best (men's) and Helen Jorden and Judith Owen (ladies). The handicap winners were Linda Houston and Junes Reeves.

As always, new members are welcome at the club and a partner may be arranged, if required. If you would like to join us ring 01446 418380 or 01446 733425 or 01446 735592 or call in at the Pioneer Hall, Beryl Road, Barry on Tuesdays at 7pm.

Also, classes for beginners continue to run on Friday mornings.

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THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN POOL LEAGUE ROUND-UP

FINNEGANS from Barry Island look unstoppable at the moment with another impressive win against O'Briens.

The first two games started shakily for the home team Finnegans, Harry Asprou and Joseph Ashenhurst started the winning streak in the opening singles after Martyn Croke and John Wolfenden had given O'Briens a 2-0 lead.

In the first doubles Windsor Harry and John Wolfenden would then give O'Briens a 3-2 lead. The resilient Islanders would then hit back with devastating effect with Asprou and Ashenhurst winning their doubles to make it 3-3.

The second set of singles would see Lewis Crole, Asprou, Ashenhurst and captain Ian Doel dominate to take a 7-3 lead and then win the last two doubles for a well deserved 9-3 win. Men of the match went to Harry Asprou and Joseph Ashenhurst for both winning four out of four games.

At the Castle, the Dark Lords captain Sean Kelly could not be any happier after his team's 9-3 home win against the Borough Arms. This victory saw the Dark Lords go top of the table.

The night started well for the Dark Lords with Wayne Hobson again winning, with Gavin Rowlands and Matthew Tobin helping to establish a 3-1 lead. Honours squared in the first doubles with Robert Larkin and Calum Perry shining for the Borough Arms.

The second set of singles was all about the Dark Lords with Hobson, Rowlands, Tobin and young Ralph Miners establishing a 8-2 lead.

Again the last doubles would be shared with Larkin and Perry again impressing for the Borough. The 9-3 victory for the Dark Lords failed to reflect how close many of the games were.

A special mention for Wayne Hobson and Gavin Rowlands on winning four out of four.

The Wanderers welcomed the Pot Jacks to the Glenbrook. First up was Rhodri Thomas v Gary Williams, and a cagey game saw Rhodri emerge victorious. The other three singles also went the way of the Wanderers, making the score 4-0.

The first game of doubles saw Jeff Bartle and Rhodri pair up and they were always struggling to get into the game against John Slee and Alan Evans.

With Slee and Evans on the black, Jeff would produce a great shot to leave them snookered, which they failed to get out of, and Rhodri was now on two shots to win it. But nerves would get the better of him, and Slee and Evans gained a much-deserved win.

Taylor and Marsh would win the last doubles to give the Wanderers a 5-1 lead. The second set of singles were shared 2-2, however Jeff Bartle can feel hard done by as an outrageous fluke left him with a very difficult snooker with the black in the jaws of the top pocket; he failed to get to the black and the two shots given would be decisive.

The second set of doubles saw Jeff Bartle visit the table after a dry break and would produce an eight ball clearance of the highest standards with a huge cheer and applause from the packed Glenbrook.

Nick Parry and Alan Evans would win the last doubles for the Pot Jacks and a final score of Wanderers 8, Pot Jacks 4.

The Libs Rejects and the Ship fought out a thrilling 6-6 draw with Mike Roberts and Tom Ivins winning both of their singles matches for the Libs.

The Ship's captain Graham Avaient won the two titanic singles battles against the Libs captain Alex Campbell. The last laugh would go to the Libs captain Campbell who would pot the winning black in the black ball sudden-death shootout to gain an extra point for the Libs Rejects.

The Ship's outstanding players were Nathan Davidson, Mike Dunn and captain Graham Avaient.

The league are still looking for players of all capabilities to join our Thursday league. Please continue to follow us on Facebook or contact Anthony on 07568 444180 or text Joe on 07870 498738.

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'Game of two halves' sees Pencoed denied draw by last kick of the game

IF ever a game could be described as one of two halves, this encounter between Taibach RFC and Pencoed RFC was the epitome.

The game started with Pencoed in the ascendancy from the outset. After 16 minutes they were awarded a scrummage 15 metres out. No8 Gareth Prentice picked up, went blind and fed scrum half Rhys Clarke who powered his way over wide out to open the scoring. The conversion failed.

Pencoed then proceeded to make a mockery of the conditions to play an expansive game. This was rewarded when, on 20 minutes, Shane Izatt set off a typical barn storming run from deep in his own half. He beat two or three defenders before linking up with Rhys Thomas. He in turn fed Rhys Clarke, who then passed to Ryan Russell 30 metres out.

He fended off the first defender and then turned on the afterburners to score an excellent team try under the posts, Adam Williams duly adding the extras.

Three minutes later, Taibach's No 13 was shown a yellow card for inappropriate comments to the referee. Pencoed proceeded to play the rest of the half in a similar fashion to how they had started it.

There were notable runs from several players especially Gareth Prentice and Morgan Jones. Kieron Moore was also unlucky not to score following a pick and drive.

However, the Taibach defence held firm. In the last minute of the half Taibach's No1 limped off the field resulting in uncontested scrums for the remainder of the game, the half-time score standing at 0-12.

As stated, the second half was a mirror image of the first with Taibach certainly the dominant force. However, their preferred tactics were to kick for position and then use pick and drive.

This was rewarded after 51 minutes when they managed to force their way over near the posts. The conversion was successful.

Five minutes later Pencoed lost a player to the sin bin resulting from the team's repeat infringement. Taibach then proceeded to bombard the visitors' line. This was met with determination and resoluteness.

However, something had to give and Taibach managed to force their way over the line wide out on 75 minutes; the conversion failed.

The game continued in a similar vein until the third minute of injury time when the referee adjudged Pencoed to be offside, 20 metres out, just to the left of the posts.

With the last kick of the game Taibach denied Pencoed, in this writer's opinion, a fair and just draw, the final score 15-12.

This week Pencoed are back in SWALEC Plate action, away to Penallta; there will be a bus for those wishing to travel.

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The Waterwheelers await visit of Camarthen in Plate

TONDU RFC look forward to the visit of Carmarthen Athletic in the second round of the WRU Plate on Saturday.

The Waterwheelers are currently fourth in Division One West Central while the Athletic are fourth in Division Two West.

The next league outing for Tondu is at home to Kenfig Hill, currently second after a narrow win last weekend. Games against the Mules are always close-fought encounters so there should be plenty to talk about after this top of the table clash.

Off the field Tondu's renovation of the upstairs bar is moving along well and the club now boasts a state-of-the-art Bluetooth sound system; the rear of the club has also seen extensive modernisation with new furniture an astroturf area and an outside bar.

Also a big hit is 'Tondu RFC TV' with players, committee and supporters being interviewed on match days to create a fun atmosphere around the club.

We have already chosen our next victims for the 'off the cuff' interviews, so beware - it could be you!

All we hope for now is better weather on the weekend - let's get back on the field boys and continue our successful start to the season.

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Seaweeds' seconds edge out Heol-y-Cyw

HEOL-Y-CYW RFC kindly agreed to reverse the fixture and visit Porthcawl RFC's South Road in a second XV league match.

In atrocious conditions, wind and rain in abundance throughout, both sides did their utmost to play a worthwhile match and both came out with a huge amount of credit for doing so in an evenly-fought contest.

With the home side fielding a makeshift front row of Mike Gulley, Will Lampard and skipper James Burge-Davies, they had a right old battle against an experienced and workmanlike visitors' pack who gave no way, with a good supply of ball for the backs to use, with handling proving to be very good by both sides.

The half-time score was all-square at 5-5 as Porthcawl got on the scoresheet with a try from lively Porthcawl back-rower Jobe Owens matched by a try from Heol-y-Cyw, with unsuccessful but good attempts at both conversions in a shocking wind.

Porthcawl just about had the better of the second half overall as the experience of ex-club skippers Mattie Davies and Gareth Davies at the core of the home pack allowed home outside half Sam Graham to use the wind with some terrific positional kicking, allied to great defensive work and strong purposeful running by centre Craig Brooks.

With plenty of ball to run, Sean Simmonds and Scott Martin put in some good runs for the Seaweeds and eventually Porthcawl's attacking pressure forced a number of scrums in Heol-y-Cyw territory, one of these deep in the visitors 22 bringing a penalty try for Porthcawl, these seven points proving ultimately the deciding factor between two well-matched and committed sides, the final score 12-5.

Porthcawl RFC would like to formally thank Heol-y-Cyw for visiting and contributing enormously to a very entertaining match of which any two teams could be proud.

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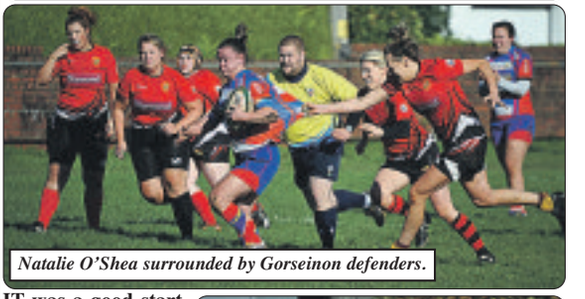
Charlie Mundy crosses for the Phoenix. ALL PICTURES BY JULIE HANCOCK

PHOENIX IN RAMPANT FORM

Katie Murphy offloads under pressure.



Natalie O'Shea surrounded by Gorseinon defenders.

IT was a good start from the off in this game against Gorseinon for Pencoed Phoenix, Katie Murphy dictating the play and within the first few minutes Phoenix were off with Hannah Seward's first try of the day and new squad member for Wales Rhian Nokes starting her scoring duties off to make it 7-0.

One of the Ladies of the Match, Hannah Seward, scores.

Within minutes Seward was off again with another try, helped by Natalie O` Shea. The high balls were difficult to control in very windy, wet conditions but Phoenix continued to chase the ball, catch and make use of it at every opportunity.

A pass from Gorseinon was intercepted by Natalie O'Shea but she was bought down on the 22, with Phoenix scrum-half Sarah Payne regaining the ball and stopping Gorseinon in their tracks.

A pass from Seward to new player Emma Jane Smith allowed her to score her first try in senior rugby.

Gorseinon' first threat took them up to Phoenix 22 but Phoenix stole the ball again from a scrum and the ball went through the hands with Hannah Seward scoring.

This was the theme for the afternoon and tries came from nearly everywhere on pitch via Leanne Burnell, Lauren Atkins, Rhian Nokes, Lisa Hughes and Charlie Mundy.

Although Phoenix picked up a sin bin at the end of first half it did not impact on the game as Gorseinon didn't have any answer for Phoenix.

The Phoenix players deserved to win, with the experience and talent they have in their squad, with Hannah Seward and Johanna Pulvirenti voted ladies of match. Final score 97-0.

Next up for Phoenix are Sengenydd, away, on October 29.

All three ladies teams played on October 22, a first for Pencoed RFC - Pencoed Phoenix under-18s beat Mountain 32-0, scorers were Sarah Veysey (2 tries), Rosie Carr, Molly Wooding, Lilly Wooding, Megan G Jenkins, with Rosie Carr adding a conversion, Pencoed Phoenix under-15s beat Mountain Ash 19-10.

Anyone wishing to join any of the teams from please contact Pencoed RFC. **JH**

Bridgend Bridge Club news

THE results for recent events at Bridgend Bridge Club are:

Wednesday, October 18, second round of club teams: First, Tony Disney and Kevin Maddox & Simon Richards and Julian Pottage; Second, Liam Sheridan and John Beard & Steve Burgoyne and John Evans; Third, Linda Pinnock and Bill Turner & Glyn Williams and Irene Wickham. Overall winners Tony Disney and Kevin Maddox & Simon Richards and Julian Pottage.

Thursday, October 19: First, Stewart Norton and Ivor Hicks; Second, Paul Lyne and Linda Jenkins; Third, Rosalie Close and Chris Rawlings. The winners on handicap were Stewart Norton and Ivor Hicks.

Friday, October 20: First, Tony Disney and Jenny Vaughan; Second, Vida Halford and Glyn Williams; Third, Debbie and Simon Richards. The winners on handicap were Maggie Ashpole and Ann Fox.

Regular club nights take place on Wednesday and Friday evenings at Nolton Church Hall. Play is scheduled to start at 7pm - to enable a prompt start it helps if players arrive at least 10 minutes early.

On Thursday afternoons at 2pm, again at Nolton Church Hall, there is a gentle bridge session when help is available with the bidding. All sessions are played in a friendly manner, visitors and new members are always welcome.

There are lessons for beginners of Wednesdays from 4pm until 6pm, again in Nolton Church Hall, while on Thursdays at 1pm there is a lesson about a bridge topic - this week it is on Weak 2s, and these are free.

Following the afternoon session there will be a discussion about that afternoon's hands.

For further information about the lessons and any other of the club activities please contact Steve Burgoyne (01656 661968), John Evans (01656 880372) or David Newman (01656 649138).

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